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PRESIDENT,

REV. A. EFIRD.

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REV. J. M. SMITH.

TREASURER,

REV. M. J. STIREWALT.

Forty-Second Synod.

THE forty-second annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod will convene in Grace Church, Catawba county, N. C, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1862.

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MINUTES.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in St. John's Church, on Saturday before the second Sunday of November, 1861.

The opening Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. A. J. Fox, from Heb. ii 3.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9.

The members of Synod assembled in the Church, to organize and commence business. The first business was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The Clerical Roll was called, and the absentees noted.

1.	Rev.	A. HENKEL,*	New Market, Va.
2.	"	H. GOODMAN,‖	Statesville, N. C.
3.	"	J. KILLIAN,*	Waynesborough, Va.
4.	"	H. WETZEL,*	Mt. Solon, Va.
5.	"	WILLIAM HANCHER,*	Mill Point, Tenn.
6.	"	A. J FOX,	Lincolnton, N. C.
7.	"	J. R. MOSER,*	Castor, Mo.
8.	"	J. STIREWALT,*	New Market, Va.
9.	"	C. G. REITZEL,*	Flint Rock, N. C.
10.	"	P C. HENKEL,‖	Newton, N. C.
11.	"	J. R. PETERSON,‖	Dallas, N. C.
12.	"	GEORGE SCHMUCKER,*	Upper Tract, Va.
13.	"	T MOSER,*	Taylorsville. N. C.
14.	"	J M. WAGNER,*	
15.	"	A. EFIRD,	Lexington, S. C.
16.	"	T. CROUSE,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
17.	"	D. EFIRD,	Countsville S. C.
18.	"	C MORETZ ‖	Rose Vale, N. C.
19.	"	I. CONDER,†	
20.	"	J. E. SENEKER,	Lexington N. C.
21.	"	J. M. SMITH,	Catawba Station, N. C.
22.	"	M. J. STIREWALT,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
23.	"	J. H. HUNTON,‡	

DEACON.

Rev. J. COSTNER,.....Dallas, N. C.

APPLICANTS.

Messrs. D. E. FOX and L. A. FOX.

*Absent and excused. †Ordained this session. ‡Letter of honorable dismission. ‖Not excused.

Lay-delegates were called upon to hand in their certificates of election to this Synod:

F. Cromer, St. John's, S. C.; L. Boland, St. Peter's S. C.; S. H. Whites, St. Jacob's, S. C.; D. Bookman, Bethlehem, S. C.; F. R. Meetze, St. Peter's or Meetze's, S. C.; J. F. Drafts, Cedar Grove, S. C.; N. Kleckley, Zion's, S. C.; G. J. Hook, St. Paul's, S. C.; W. Troutman, St. Martin's, St. Peter's, and Sharon, N. C.; A. Moser, Melanchton's, Coble's, and Mt. Pleasant, N. C; D. M. Wyant, Trinity and Bethpage, N. C.; L. A. Fox, Salem's, Daniel's, and Grace, N. C.; J. J. C Efird, St. Martin's, N. C.

The Synod being organized, the President read his official report, which was laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—Heretofore it has not been the custom of the presiding officer in the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod to make out and read an official report at the opening of our annual sessions, and I am aware that under a strict interpretation of our constitution no such officer exists, after the close of the session; and therefore, during the Synodical year, no official acts can properly be performed by the President. But inasmuch as by common consent, the office of President is allowed to continue from one session to another, and inasmuch as during the past year, several official acts have been requested of me as President, and inasmuch as I felt it my duty to comply with some of these requests, I deem it nothing but right that I should render an account of my stewardship to those whom I have represented, and therefore beg leave to read before you and submit to your christian consideration the following

Report.—We, by the grace of God, are assembled together in the forty-first annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and it becomes us as a body of christian ministers and lay-delegates to make suitable returns of thankfulness and praise to our kind Heavenly Father and the great Head of the Church for the many great and distinguished blessings we have enjoyed from the very origin of our organization—and especially during the past year.

Our Synod, it is true, has had many severe trials, some of them seeming to threaten her very existence, yet, in the Hand of God, she has survived them all, and she stands to-day the first Synod upon the continent of America, who took her position in defence of the pure and wholesome doctrines of the venerable confession of Augsbury, and still maintain it. I congratulate you upon the fact that there is a disposition manifested in several other Synods in this country, to return to the ancient land-marks and standards of doctrine established by our fathers of the Reformation.

During the past year, a series of troublesome events have been thrust upon us by the authorities of the United States, which have severely harrassed some other eclesiastical bodies, and death, the fell-destroyer, has done his work in some of our sister Lutheran Synods; but we have great reason to thank God that we have been but little effected by the one, and have entirely escaped the other of these evils. We remain to-day an unbroken band of brothers. We are all still alive and united upon the great civil interests of our country. Every minister and nearly every lay-man is exerting himself with laudable zeal to do all the good he can, for those who have enlisted and still are enlisting so nobly in our defence—ever ready to afford every possible assistance to the good cause in which we are engaged.

Whilst wicked men are raging with madness, and filling the whole land

with fear and trouble, and whilst avaricious men are wickedly availing themselves of every possible means to enrich themselves and oppress others, our Heavenly Father has blessed the entire Confederate States with unprecedented good health and an unparalleled abundance of the products of the earth. All our garners, cribs, and barns are filled to overflowing; our tables, too, have been spread with the substantials and "fat things," and more or less with the delicacies and luxuries of our own favored land.

While God, by the hand of Nature, has thus lavished his goodness upon us, He has also, by the hand of Grace, most mercifully blessed us amidst many neglected and ever-abused mercies,—has been long suffering and indulgent, and in some places at least, has crowned our labors with success.

Our ministers have generally been faithful in the discharge of their official duties. Most of our hitherto vacant congregations have been supplied with a stated ministry, our pulpits have been regularly filled, and our people have been nourished by the Gospel and other means of Grace.

It is truly cheering to know that generally there is a steady and well-marked improvement in morals and piety among our people. There seems to be everywhere a growing interest among the members of our congregations in the prosperity of our beloved Lutheran Zion. There are also some changes for the better in matters relating to christian benevolence; our ministers in many places are better sustained than formerly, and before the commencement of our present troubles in civil affairs, something was beginning to be done in certain quarters for the good cause of domestic missions and beneficiary education. I fondly trust that when the war in which we are engaged shall have ended, that things among us will take a most happy turn, and in a few short years our beloved Lutheran Church in this Confederacy will be more prosperous than ever before.

I will now proceed to give you some account of my official acts. About the 25th of last April, I received a communication from bro. J. H. Hunton, stating that owing to the feebleness of his health, he had resigned his connection with the Woodstock Pastorate, in the great Valley of Virginia, which is an extensive field; and soon after received and accepted a call from Williamsburg, C. W., which Pastorate embraces but one congregation. To this new field he contemplated removing soon after the date of his letter. This charge, he informs me, is in the bounds of the Evangelical Lutheran Pittsburg Synod—a Synod confessionally based upon the Augsbury Confession, and would assemble about the time of his removal. He respectfully asked me, as President of the Synod, to grant him a certificate of honorable dismission from this to the Pittsburg Synod. His request was endorsed by the Revds. H. Wetzel, J. Stirewalt, and S. Henkel.

After taking time for mature reflection, upon the ground and nature of his request, backed, as it was, by three of our ministers who are personally acquainted with Rev. H. Hunton, I made out and sent to his address the asked-for certificate, accompanied by a reply to his letter. I herewith submit his letter, a copy of my answer, and also a copy of the certificate, to the consideration of Synod.

Sometime in May last, I received a letter from our esteemed bro. J. M. Wagner, who now resides in the State of Mississippi. In his letter he stated that it might be necessary for him to have a certificate of honorable dismission from this Synod, before the meeting of the present session, and asked if I as President of Synod, would furnish him such certificate. But as bro. Wagner left the matter entirely open, not stating a reason for such necessity, or naming any Synod to which he would attach himself, I doubted my authority to furnish him such certificate. I therefore addressed a letter to him and referred him to the present meeting of Synod.

Soon after our Synod adjourned last year I received from Rev. Prof. Worley a copy of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran English District Synod of Ohio, which was, I have no doubt, intended for this Synod. By some means it has been misplaced. As things since have turned out, I presume it a matter of very little importance any way. Last March I received

a copy of the Minutes of the first Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, from the President I herewith submit said Minutes.

From these you will learn that a delegate was appointed to meet us in this Convention of our Synod. Lately, however, I received a communication from the President, informing me that owing to the present state of public affairs in East Tennessee, no delegate can attend this meeting.

A few weeks ago, I was favored with a copy of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina, which I will lay before Synod.

Having now laid before you an account of my official acts during the past year, I yet respectfully desire to call your attention to a few things which I consider worthy the attention of Synod during her present session.

1. I would call the attention of Synod to the subject of a revision of our Liturgy. By reference to the Minutes of 1858, you will find that a committee was appointed to make such revision. The same committee was continued in 1859, and it was made its duty to report to the last session. I find upon the Minutes that the same committee was continued. Would it not be well, if the committee do not report at this session, discharge it and appoint another? The revision is very much needed.

2. I desire to call your attention to the fact that in consequence of the existence of the present war, our people are deprived of the reading of *The Lutheran Standard*, formerly the organ of our Synod. and from the circumstances by which we are surrounded, it is not likely that it will ever reach us again. Now, should we attempt to commence the publication of a religious journal within the boundary of our Synod, or shall we do as we have done for several of the past months—have no Church paper—or shall we encourage *The Southern Lutheran*, the only paper which claims to be Lutheran in the Confederate States? These are matters which demand our consideration at this session of the Synod.

3. A proposition has been made to hold a general Convention of the Lutheran Church in the Confederate States, next Spring, in the town of Salisbury, N. C. A desire has been expressed by some of the most worthy men in some of our sister Synods for this Synod to be represented in that Convention, and an invitation has been extended to our Synod by *The Southern Lutheran* to appoint a delegation to said Convention, and it is likely that some of the brethren from some other Synods may appear before this meeting, to make such request of us in person. It will be for us to determine whether we will be represented in that Convention or not.

4. I would most respectfully call your attention to the subject of bestowing special instruction upon the children in our congregations on Sundays. Can we not adopt some suitable plan for Sunday Schools, and recommend it to our congregations? If this can be done, I feel assured that our people will take hold of it, and it is certain that very much would be gained. The young must be properly instructed in the doctrines of our church, or many of them will be lost to her. The earlier we begin this with them, the better. For all experience proves that early impressions are the most lasting; *train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it*, says Solomon.

I must now close my remaks, by tendering you the Chair which you so generously gave me at the last session, and with it my most sincere thanks for the confidence and forbearance exercised towards me; and if I have erred officially, I humbly ask your pardon And now may the GREAT HEAD OF THE CHURCH bless us in the future, as he has done in the past, and enable us to do all things to His honor and glory, and the upbuilding of His kingdom upon earth. *Amen.* A. J. FOX.

The President's Report was received.

An election was now held for officers of Synod, which resulted as follows: Rev. A. Efird, President; Rev. J. M. Smith, Secretary; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Treasurer.

Applicant J. Conder, and Rev. J. Moser, Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltcer, Rev. Prof. J. M. Schreckhise, Rev. D. M. Blackwelder, of the South Carolina Synod, being present, were introduced and received as advisory members of Synod.

Papers and documents intended for Synod, were called for, handed in, and placed in the hands of the following committee: Revds. J. E. Seneker; M. J. Stirewalt, and Mr. D. M. Wyant, to class and number them, and report on Monday morning.

Synod now adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

The exercises of worship were introduced by Rev. J. M. Smith, who preached from St. John, xv 5. Immediately after this sermon, Confessional Absolution was attended to, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the members of Synods, with the congregation and members of neighboring congregations.

A recess was then given, after which, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt preached from Romans x 13.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met. Was opened by reading the Word, singing and prayer, by Rev. T. Crouse.

The roll was called. Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Rev. Smithdeal, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of S. C., being present, was introduced to Synod, and received as an advisory member.

The committee to arrange the papers of Synod handed in their report.

The President now announced the following committees:

1. *On President's Report*—Revds. M. J. Stirewalt, T. Crouse, and Mr. F. Meetze.
2. *On Minutes of last Year*—Revds. J. E. Seneker, D. Efird, and Mr. G. J. Hook.
3. *On Minutes of Sister Synods.*—Revds. J. M. Smith, M. J. Stirewalt, and Mr. D. Bookman.
4. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. A. J. Fox, and Messrs. L. A. Fox and L. Boland.
5. *On Examination.*—Revds. A. J. Fox, T. Crouse, and J. M. Smith.
6. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Revds. D. Efird, T. Crouse, Mr. F. J. Drafts.

A recess was now given, during which, Rev. T. Crouse preached from Luke iv 18—19.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING.—Synod met, and the committees ready to report were called upon.

Committee No 1, on President's Report:

We, the committee appointed to report on the President's Report, beg leave to submit the following. In reference to the official acts of the President, we find the following items:

1. That he has granted a letter of honorable dismission to Rev. J. H. Hunton, from this Synod to the Pittsburg Synod.
2. That on application by Rev. J. M. Wagner, for a letter of honorable dismission from this Synod, the President doubted his authority to grant said letter, and referred him to this meeting of Synod,
3. The reception, by the President, of the Minutes of the first Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod; also of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina.
4. That he calls attention of Synod to the revision of our Liturgy.
5. That he calls the attention of Synod to the importance of a church paper.
6. That he calls the attention of Synod to the fact that an invitation has been extended to this Synod to send a delegation to a Convention to be held by the Lutheran Synods South, in Salisbury, N C., in May next, for taking preliminary steps to the formation of a General Synod in the Confederate States.
7. That he calls the special attention of Synod to the importance of establishing some suitable plan for bestowing instruction upon the children in our congregations on Sundays.

Respectfully submitted.

M. J. STIREWALT,
T. CROUSE,
F. R. MEETZE.

The Report was received. It was

Resolved, That the Report be taken up and read item by item, and if approved, that it be adopted.

In reference to the first and second—the course of the President to the matters therein contained—under the circumstances, was endorsed by the Synod. In regard to items third, fourth and sixth, as they will otherwise be brought before Synod, action on them was deferred for the present.

In reference to item fifth, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That under existing circumstances, we take no action in reference to a Church paper.

On motion, the disposition of the subject of item seventh, was made the special business for to-morrow morning.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Seneker.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, 9 o'clock.

Synod met. Was opened by prayer, by Rev. A. J. Fox. Minutes were read and approved. Item seventh of committee No. 1, was now taken up and considered, and it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draw up a plan for carrying on Sunday School instruction for our congregations.

The committee appointed for this purpose was Revds. T. Moser, J. M. Smith, and T. Crouse.

Committee No. 2 reported as follows:

We, your committee on unfinished business of last Synod, submit the following items:

1. On page 13, of Minutes of last year, we find a resolution making it the duty of each minister to subscribe the resolution concerning the Confessional basis, which Synod at its last session adopted.
2. On page 14, it was made the duty of the Treasurer, by resolution of Synod, to procure a blank book, in which the transactions of Synod are to be recorded.
3. Page 17—the committee to prepare a code of Bylaws and Rules of Order for Synod was still continued. This committee will report in due time.
4. Page 17—that a committee was appointed to collect historical facts relating to the Confessional basis of our Synod.
5. Page 18—that a committee be appointed to confer with the Presidents of the different railroads, for the purpose of procuring half-price tickets.
6. That a committee was appointed to examine and ordain Mr. E. E. Smyre.
7. Page 10—that a committee was appointed to revise our Liturgy.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. SENEKER,
D. EFIRD,
G. J. HOOK.

The report was received, when it was

Resolved, That action be taken upon each item, and disposed of.

As to item 1, Synod cannot learn whether it has been entirely complied with. Item 2 was complied with. In reference to item 4, there was no report from that committee, and it was

Resolved, That the committee be continued, and report at next Synod.

Item 5 was complied with, and half-fare tickets procured. Item 6—this committee, in compliance with the resolution of Synod, to examine and ordain Mr. E. E. Smyre, met in Phanuel's Church, Rowan county, N. C., on Friday ere third Sunday in December, 1860, examined and ordained him on the third Sunday of December, 1860, to the office of Pastor. In reference to item 7, it was

Resolved, That the committee be continued, and that it be made their duty to report at our next session of Synod.

Committee No. 3, on Minutes of sister Synods made the following report:

Your committee find in their hands but two Minutes. First, we have the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina. Its officers are Rev. J. D. Scheck, President; Rev. G. D. Bernheim, Recording Secretary; Rev. J. A. Linn, Corresponding Secretary; and M. Barrier, Esq., Treasurer.

Second—The Minutes of the First Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod The officers of this Synod are Rev J. K. Hancher, President; Rev J. C. Barb, Secretary; Rev. J. M. Shaffer, Treasurer.

They express a fraternal spirit towards us as a Synod, and elected a delegate to meet with us in this session of Synod. We regret that he is not among us. We assure them that their fraternal feelings are heartily reciprocated, and would recommend that a delegate be appointed to meet with them at their next session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. SMITH,
M. J. STIREWALT,
D. BOOKMAN.

The report was received, and it was

Resolved, That the President appoint some one as delegate to represent this Synod in their next session of Synod.

The President then appointed Rev. A. J. Fox, and Rev. J. M. Smith his alternate. Committee No. 6 reported:

We, your committee appointed to settle with our former Treasurer, beg leave to submit the following report: After a careful examination, we find

in the hands of former Treasurer the sum of	$130 14
Expense of publishing and furnishing Minutes of last year,	71 97
Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer of	$ 58 17

Respectfully submitted.

D. EFIRD,
T. CROUSE,
J. F. DRAFTS.

A recess was now given, during which Rev. J. E. Seneker preached from St. John, iv 24.

FIFTH SESSION.

Tuesday Evening.—Synod met and resumed business. When item 3, of committee No. II, respecting the Bylaws and Rules of Order for our Synod was called for, that committee presented Bylaws and Rules of Order for Synod to adopt. The report was received, and it was

Resolved, That it be taken up and read article by article, section by section, and if approved, be adopted as a whole.

This being done, they were adopted, and are published in the Appendix to these Minutes.

Resolved, That the Bylaws and Rules of Order be recorded in the book for such purpose by the Secretary.

Resolved, That the part of the resolution of last Synod, requiring the Secretary to transcribe the Minutes of Synod into the book for that purpose, be rescinded.

Committee No. 4 made the following report:

We, your committee to report on letters and petitions addressed to Synod submit the following report:

CLASS I, No. 1.—A letter from Rev. E. E. Smyre, in which he states that the congregations he serves unanimously voted to petition Synod for the pastoral ordination of Mr. I. Conder; but owing to some unavoidable circumstances, the petitions to that effect could only be forwarded from a few of them. He speaks of Mr. Conder in the highest terms as a christian and a scholar. He also offers as his excuse for not attending Synod, that he contemplates shortly visiting his brothers in the army, and that his very extensive charge cannot properly be left without his services for so long a time.

No. 2.—A letter from Rev. J. Killian, in which he expresses his ardent desire to meet with us in Synod; but owing to the present troubles by which his section of country is surrounded, and some obligations he is under to discharge the duties of Chaplain until that regiment can be supplied with a permanant one, he cannot attend. He askes a special interest in our prayers for the success of the cause of our country, and especially for its relief; and he asks to be excused for his non-attendance.

No. 3.—A letter from D. E. Fox, in which he states that he is engaged in prosecuting a course of theological studies, and asks to be taken under the care of Synod as an applicant for the Ministry.

No. 4.—A letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, of the Evangelical Lutheran Va. Synod, extending to us the fraternal feeling of their Synod, and also expresses a hope that the delegation from their Synod to the Convention will meet a similar delegation from this Synod; and other matters of interest not requiring the action of Synod.

CLASS II, No. 1.—A petition from Phanuel's Church, in which the petitioners recommend Mr. I. Conder as a young man of excellent moral, intellectual and literary qualifications, and they ask Synod to examine him with a view to his pastoral ordination, and if qualified, ordain him to that office.

No. 2.—A petition from Mt. Moriah Church of the same import.

No. 3.—A petition from Emanuel's of same import of No. 1.

No. 4.—A petition from St. Martin's, Stanly county, N. C., asking for the examination of Mr. I. Conder, and if qualified, ordain him to the office of Deacon.

No. 5.—A petition from Bethlehem and Koiner's Church, Va., in which the petitioners ask for the next session of Synod to be held in Bethlehem Church.

No. 6.—A petition from Grace Church, N. C., in which the petitioners ask for the next session of Synod to be held in their Church.

No. 7.—A memorial from St. Martin's, Iredell county, N. C., in which the memorialists impart wholesome advice to the Synod.

Your committee would recommend—

First, that bro. E. E. Smyre be excused for non-attendance of this meeting of Synod.

Second, that bro. Killian be excused also.

Third, that Mr. D. E. Fox be taken under care of Synod as an applicant for the Ministry.

Fourth, inasmuch as Rev. Mr. Miller's letter contains some matter of special interest to the Synod, that it be read before Synod.

Fifth, that if Mr. Conder consents to submit to an examination, that he be examined, and if qualified, that he be ordained.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. FOX,
L. A. FOX,
L. BOLAND.

The report was received, and Synod took action upon it.

REC. 1.—*Resolved*, That Rev. E. E. Smyre be not excused. 2. That Rev. J. Killian be excused. 3. That Mr. D. E. Fox be received under care of Synod as a student of theology.

REC. 5.—Mr. I. Conder consents to be examined. Therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Conder's examination commence to-night and be continued to-morrow, and that the President be added to the Committee of Examination.

An invitation was now given to any one present, desiring to be taken under care of Synod as an applicant for the Ministry, when Mr. L. A. Fox applied and was received as an applicant.

Resolved, That a part of Thursday morning be set apart for prayer, by Synod, to Almighty God in behalf of our Southern Confederacy, and especially for the protection of our dear brethren, and all in the Southern States, that God would bring us deliverance from our troubles.

Resolved, That the first business of Synod, after the examination and ordination of Mr. I. Conder, be the consideration of sending a delegation to the Convention to be held in Salisbury, N. C., next May.

Resolved, That a committee of colloquim be appointed to confer with our young bro. L. A. Fox, as to what are his motives for desiring to embark in the ministry. Committee—T. Crouse, M. J. Stirewalt, D. Bookman.

This committee returned with a favorable report.

Resolved, That a similar committee be appointed to confer with Mr. D. E. Fox, and report next Synod. Rev. J. M. Smith, Gen. D. Seagle. and A. Costner were appointed.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. Efird.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 13, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt. The roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved. The first business of Synod this morning is to extend the examination of Mr. Conder, which was begun last night. The examination of Mr. Conder being completed, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Conder be ordained to the office of Pastor; that Rev. A. J. Fox preach the ordination sermon; and that Mr. I. Conder be ordained by the Examining Committee.

Mr. D. M. Wyant was now excused from further attendance on Synod.

Recess was now given, during which Rev. A. J. Fox preached an ordination sermon from First Timothy, iv 16—"Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this, thou shalt save thyself and them that hear thee."

Immediately after sermon, the committee proceeded to ordain Mr. I. Conder to the office of Pastor, by the imposition of hands, and prayer, according to the order of our Liturgy.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—Synod met and resumed business. Rev. Mr. Boinest of the South Carolina Synod being present, was introduced and received as an advisory member.

Recommendation 4 of Committee No. 4,

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Miller's letter be read in open Synod.

The first business of this session, of importance is to determine whether or not a delegation or commissioners be appointed to the convention to meet in Salisbury, N. C., when it was

Resolved, That five commissioners be appointed by the President to attend the convention of the Southern Synods to convene next May in the town of Salisbury, N. C.

Resolved, That the President be one of the commissioners.

Resolved, That Rev. J. M. Smith return a vote of thanks to the people of this vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the members of Synod during its sitting.

In answer to petitions from Virginia and North Carolina, relative to the place at which to hold the next session of Synod, it was

Resolved, That in consequence of the political troubles of our country, and as Virginia is so near the seat of war, and as we know not when our troubles will end, when Synod adjourns, it adjourns to meet in Grace Church, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1862.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Boinest.

EIGHTH SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and an hour was spent in prayer. The roll was called. The President read out the following commissioners to the convention to be held in Salisbury:—Revds. A. J. Fox and E. E. Smyre, of North Carolina; Revds. J. Killian and S. Henkel, of Virginia.

Parochial reports were now handed in and read before Synod.

Resolved, That two copies of these Minutes be sent to each Minister of Synod, and that one copy be sent to each Lutheran Synod South, and that Rev. A. J. Fox furnish an abstract of these proceedings for publication in *The Southern Lutheran.*

Resolved, That the Secretary address a letter of fraternal regard to the Secretary of Virginia Synod.

A vote of thanks was now returned. The Minutes were read and approved, and confirmed as a whole.

Synod adjourned to assemble at the time and place before designated.

Closed with singing and prayer by the President.

J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations.	Communicants.	BAPTISMS.			Confirmations.	Burials.
			Infants.	Adults.	Slaves.		
J. M. Smith,	3	400	60	3	2	65	12
A. J. Fox,	5	750	69	16		138	23
M. J. Stirewalt,	3	180	19			9	2
J. E Seneker,	4	270	42	9		16	4
J. R. Peterson,	6	400	36	5	9	25	9
A. Efird,	5	500	54	2		67	17
D. Efird,	4	445	51	5		24	11
J. Killian,	2	230	15	4	7	14	

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINUTES.

Rev. J. R. Peterson's	Charge,	$5 60
" J. M. Smith's	"	8 10
" A. J. Fox's	"	7 60
" A. Efird's	"	4 70
" D. Efird's	"	2 50
" T. Moser's	"	1 00
" J. Killian's	"	5 00
" M. J. Stirewalt's	"	2 00
" J. E. Seneker's	"	3 60
" E. E. Smyre's	"	2 40
		$37 50

APPENDIX.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Article I.—*Of the President of Synod.*

Sec. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained Ministers of this body, and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon, and in connection with the *Pastor loci* and Elders of the congregation in which the Synod meets, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not to suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each liberty to speak without interruption from others, and preventing the speaker from deviating from the subject before the house.

Sec. 3. The President, at the commencement of every Synod, shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, and letters received by him since the last regular meeting, and of all important events that have occurred, relating to Synod; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary, or calculated to promote the interest of the church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

Sec. 4. The President, by substituting a Chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject, the same as any other member; and when on any question, should the vote be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote. In all other cases he has no suffrage, except when an election is held by ballot, and then he has not the casting vote.

Sec. 5. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod by removal or otherwise, then the Secretary shall succeed him, and discharge the duties of President until the next regular meeting of Synod.

Article II.—*Of the Secretary.*

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained Ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of his duties.

Sec. 2. He shall keep a faithful and accurate record of all the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers, certificates and documents of the Synod, unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of the Synod. The Secretary shall also attest with his official signature all certificates of ordination, and all resolutions respecting Ministers, Delegates or Churches, and also the Minutes of this Synod, both the written and printed copies.

Sec. 3. He shall keep a correct register of all the Ministers of this Synod, arranged according to their age in office, and a list of all the congregations belonging to the Synod, and give public notice of the time and place of the Synodical meeting, at least six weeks previous to the time of meeting.

Sec. 4. If, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary should become

disqualified to hold his office, should he depart this life, or cease to be a a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers or property of Synod, which was in his hands, and retain it, and discharge the duties of the office, until the next meeting of Synod, and an election held to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE III.—*Of the Treasurer.*

SEC 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys belonging to Synod and shall keep them subject to order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

SEC. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay moneys out of the Treasury.

SEC 3. The Treasurer is also to see to the printing of the Minutes that may be ordered by the Synod. and distribute them to each of the Minister's respective charges, in proportion to the subscription and moneys received by Synod from them for that purpose.

SEC. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life, or become disqualified to fill his office in any way during the recess of Synod. the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands, and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

ARTICLE IV.—*Process by Synod against a Minister.*

SEC 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the character of its members. No Minister. on account of his office, should be screened from the hand of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandelous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

SEC. 2. All persons, and especially christians, should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an ill report of any person, and especially of a Minister of the Gospel. Should any member of the Church know a Minister to be guilty of a private. censurable fault, he should warn him in private in a brotherly manner. [See Matt. xviii 15.] If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the church counsel who shall admonish the accused according to the above named text. or if he have no pastoral charge, he shall report him to the President of Synod, who shall admonish the erring brother. If he still will not hear, he must be reported to the Synod, to whose decision he must yield.

SEC. 3. If a Minister be guilty of gross immorality. or guilty of teaching erroneous doctrines, information against him shall be lodged with the President. If this be done within three months of the next meeting of Synod, he shall defer the matter until said meeting. Yet, if the charge be one of drunkenness. lewdness circulating fundamental errors in doctrine, or other crimes, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties until his case be decided.

SEC. 4. If accusation is lodged with the President at an earlier date. he shall, if the charges be such as are specified in the third section of this Article, immediately appoint a committee of investigation, consisting of three ordained Ministers and three lay-members, to meet without delay, at some convenient place, and institute a formal investigation of the case. The President shall give at least fifteen days notice of said investigation, to the parties concerned. The said committee shall have power to proceed and hold a fair and impartial investigation. with a view to ascertain the guilt or innocence of the accused; and to this end to cite any church member to appear before them, and procure other witnesses when necessary.

SEC. 5. If the accused confess, and the matter be base and flagitious as specified in the third section of this article, however penitent he may be, he must, for the present, be immediately suspended from the exercise of his

office, and if deemed necessary, a time may be appointed for him to publicly confess to the Synod. And if the accused deny the charge, and yet on the examination of the evidence, is found guilty, the committee shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence upon him.

SEC. 6. If a Minister, accused of atrocious crimes, be duly notified, and refuses to attend the investigation, he shall be immediately suspended from the exercise of all ministerial duties. The highest punishment that can be inflicted by a committee appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported to the next session of Synod, and remain in force until reversed by it. And any Minister intending to appeal from the decision of the committee to Synod, shall give notice thereof to his accusors, within three weeks after the decision was made, that the parties may be prepared for a new hearing.

SEC. 7. If proceedure against an accused Minister be deferred, as specified in the third section of this Article, the President shall immediately give notice to the parties concerned, that they may be prepared for an investigation at the next meeting of Synod.

SEC. 8. If an accusation against a Minister be made immediately to Synod, and the Synod be in possession of all the evidence, they may immediately proceed with the trial; but if the necessary evidence be not before Synod, the President may appoint a committee of investigation as above specified.

SEC. 9. If a Minister be found guilty of drunkenness, lewdness, or fundamental errors in doctrine, or other crimes, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed till he give evidence of true penitence and reform, and he can be restored only by the Synod.

SEC. 10. And it shall be the duty of the President of Synod to notify the Elders of said congregation that he has been deposed, and warn them against his continuance. And should any congregation in our connection employ or continue a person as Pastor, or as their Minister, who is under sentence of suspension or exclusion, its connection with Synod shall be dissolved.

ARTICLE V.—*Admission of Ministers.*

SEC. 1. Any person, making application to this Synod, as an applicant for the ministry, must be of hopeful piety and good character, and shall place himself under the special care of some Minister in connection with this Synod, under whose direction he may be allowed to preach and catechise.

SEC. 2. When an applicant is presented to Synod by one or more congregations, for ordination, he shall be examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments, and if the examination be satisfactory to the committee and the Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of the ministry by a committee appointed for that purpose—the ordination to be conducted according to our Liturgy.

SEC. 3. When an ordained Minister of any other religious denomination makes application to be received in connection with this Synod, he must be required to acknowledge the confessional basis of our Synod. The concurrence of two-thirds of the members of any regular meeting of Synod, shall be required, upon the reception of any ordained Minister, or a candidate for ordination.

ARTICLE VI.—*Order of Business in Synod.*

SEC. 1. At the time and place appointed for meeting, the members present shall assemble, and if five ordained Ministers and five lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. The first session shall be opened by the President, with suitable religious exercises; and in the absence of the President, the Secretary, or in the absence of both, by one of the older Ministers present. And eve-

ry successive session shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall then call the Clerical Roll of this Synod, and note the absentees.

SEC. 4. The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

SEC. 5. The President shall read his Annual Report, as the last official act of his office, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year, the election then to take place.

SEC. 6. The admission of delegates from other eclesiastical bodies, and advisory members may be received.

SEC. 7. The Minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; and all papers and documents intended for this Synod, may be handed in, and verbal notice given of any important business, intended to be brought before Synod.

SEC. 8. If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, they may, by the President, be placed in the hands of a committee, to be classed and numbered according to the nature of their contents; however, if the number be small, the President may assort and appropriately refer them to any of the standing committees, which he may now appoint:

I. On the President's Report.
II. On unfinished business of last Synod.
III. On Treasurer's Report.
IV. On letters and petitions.
V. On examination of candidates for the Ministry.

As many special committees may be appointed as the exigencies of any case may require.

SEC. 9. The vacant congregations may be inquired into, and provision made for them.

The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals may be filled up by the succeeding items and promiscuous business.

SEC. 10. Each Minister in connection with this Synod, shall give in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any others the Synod may at any time require.

SEC. 11. Election of delegates to eclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod.

SEC. 12. The time and place of holding the next session of Synod; the place determined by ballot, and time by resolution.

SEC. 13. Should any of the officers of Synod be absent from Synod, they shall send their reports, with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. And in case of their absence during the sessions of the meeting, others may be chosen *pro tempore.*

SEC. 14. Any of the foregoing regulations may be altered or amended, at any regular sessions of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice of such amendment at the previous session of Synod.

SEC. 15. Dismission of Synod by the President, with appropriate religious service.

J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

LEXINGTON DISTRICT, S. C.,

NOVEMBER 9—14, A. D. 1861.

GREENSBOROUGH, N. C.
M. S. SHERWOOD, PRINTER, PATRIOT OFFICE.
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OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT,

REV. A. EFIRD.

SECRETARY,

REV. J. M. SMITH.

TREASURER,

REV. M. J. STIREWALT.

Forty-Second Synod.

THE forty-second annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod will convene in Grace Church, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1862.

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MINUTES.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in St. John's Church, on Saturday before the second Sunday of November, 1861.

The opening Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. A. J. Fox, from Heb. ii 3.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9.

The members of Synod assembled in the Church, to organize and commence business. The first business was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The Clerical Roll was called, and the absentees noted.

1.	Rev.	A. HENKEL,*	New Market, Va.
2.	"	H. GOODMAN,‖	Statesville, N. C.
3.	"	J. KILLIAN,*	Waynesborough, Va.
4.	"	H. WETZEL,*	Mt. Solon, Va.
5.	"	WILLIAM HANCHER,*	Mill Point, Tenn.
6.	"	A. J FOX,	Lincolnton, N. C.
7.	"	J. R. MOSER,*	Castor, Mo.
8.	"	J. STIREWALT,*	New Market, Va.
9.	"	C. G. REITZEL,*	Flint Rock, N. C.
10.	"	P. C. HENKEL,‖	Newton, N. C.
11.	"	J. R. PETERSON,‖	Dallas, N. C.
12.	"	GEORGE SCHMUCKER,*	Upper Tract, Va.
13.	"	T. MOSER,*	Taylorsville. N. C.
14.	"	J. M. WAGNER,*	
15.	"	A. EFIRD,	Lexington, S. C.
16.	"	T. CROUSE,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
17.	"	D. EFIRD,	Countsville, S. C.
18.	"	C. MORETZ.‖	Rose Vale, N. C.
19.	"	I. CONDER,†	
20.	"	J. E. SENEKER,	Lexington, N. C.
21.	"	J. M. SMITH,	Catawba Station, N. C.
22.	"	M. J. STIREWALT.	Sandy Creek, N. C.
23.	"	J. H. HUNTON,‡	

DEACON.

Rev. J. COSTNER,.....Dallas, N. C.

APPLICANTS.

Messrs. D. E. FOX and L. A. FOX.

*Absent and excused. †Ordained this session. ‡Letter of honorable dismission. ‖Not excused.

Lay-delegates were called upon to hand in their certificates of election to this Synod:

F. Cromer, St. John's, S. C.; L. Boland, St. Peter's S. C.; S. H. Whites, St. Jacob's, S. C.; D. Bookman, Bethlehem, S. C.; F. R. Meetze, St. Peter's or Meetze's, S. C.; J. F. Drafts, Cedar Grove. S. C; N. Kleckley, Zion's, S. C.; G. J. Hook, St Paul's, S. C.; W. Troutman, St. Martin's, St. Peter's, and Sharon, N. C.; A. Moser, Melanchton's, Coble's, and Mt. Pleasant, N. C; D. M. Wyant, Trinity and Bethpage, N. C.; L. A. Fox, Salem's, Daniel's, and Grace, N. C.; J. J. C Efird, St. Martin's, N. C.

The Synod being organized, the President read his official report, which was laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—Heretofore it has not been the custom of the presiding officer in the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod to make out and read an official report at the opening of our annual sessions, and I am aware that under a strict interpretation of our constitution no such officer exists, after the close of the session; and therefore, during the Synodical year, no official acts can properly be performed by the President. But inasmuch as by common consent, the office of President is allowed to continue from one session to another, and inasmuch as during the past year, several official acts have been requested of me as President, and inasmuch as I felt it my duty to comply with some of these requests, I deem it nothing but right that I should render an account of my stewardship to those whom I have represented, and therefore beg leave to read before you and submit to your christian consideration the following

Report.—We, by the grace of God, are assembled together in the forty-first annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and it becomes us as a body of christian ministers and lay-delegates to make suitable returns of thankfulness and praise to our kind Heavenly Father and the great Head of the Church for the many great and distinguished blessings we have enjoyed from the very origin of our organization—and especially during the past year.

Our Synod, it is true, has had many severe trials, some of them seeming to threaten her very existence, yet in the Hand of God, she has survived them all, and she stands to-day the first Synod upon the continent of America, who took her position in defence of the pure and wholesome doctrines of the venerable confession of Augsbury, and still maintain it. I congratulate you upon the fact that there is a disposition manifested in several other Synods in this country, to return to the ancient land-marks and standards of doctrine established by our fathers of the Reformation.

During the past year, a series of troublesome events have been thrust upon us by the authorities of the United States, which have severely harrassed some other eclesiastical bodies, and death, the fell-destroyer, has done his work in some of our sister Lutheran Synods; but we have great reason to thank God that we have been but little effected by the one, and have entirely escaped the other of these evils. We remain to-day an unbroken band of brothers. We are all still alive and united upon the great civil interests of our country. Every minister and nearly every lay-man is exerting himself with laudable zeal to do all the good he can, for those who have enlisted and still are enlisting so nobly in our defence—ever ready to afford every possible assistance to the good cause in which we are engaged.

Whilst wicked men are raging with madness, and filling the whole land

with fear and trouble, and whilst avaricious men are wickedly availing themselves of every possible means to enrich themselves and oppress others, our Heavenly Father has blessed the entire Confederate States with unprecedented good health and an unparalleled abundance of the products of the earth. All our garners, cribs, and barns are filled to overflowing; our tables, too have been spread with the substantials and "fat things," and more or less with the delicacies and luxuries of our own favored land.

While God, by the hand of Nature, has thus lavished his goodness upon us, He has also, by the hand of Grace, most mercifully blessed us amidst many neglected and ever abused mercies,—has been long suffering and indulgent, and in some places at least, has crowned our labors with success.

Our ministers have generally been faithful in the discharge of their official duties. Most of our hitherto vacant congregations have been supplied with a stated ministry, our pulpits have been regularly filled, and our people have been nourished by the Gospel and other means of Grace.

It is truly cheering to know that generally there is a steady and well-marked improvement in morals and piety among our people. There seems to be everywhere a growing interest among the members of our congregations in the prosperity of our beloved Lutheran Zion. There are also some changes for the better in matters relating to christian benevolence; our ministers in many places are better sustained than formerly, and before the commencement of our present troubles in civil affairs, something was beginning to be done in certain quarters for the good cause of domestic missions and beneficiary education. I fondly trust that when the war in which we are engaged shall have ended, that things among us will take a most happy turn, and in a few short years our beloved Lutheran Church in this Confederacy will be more prosperous than ever before.

I will now proceed to give you some account of my official acts. About the 25th of last April, I received a communication from bro. J. H. Hunton, stating that owing to the feebleness of his health, he had resigned his connection with the Woodstock Pastorate, in the great Valley of Virginia, which is an extensive field; and soon after received and accepted a call from Williamsburg, C. W., which Pastorate embraces but one congregation. To this new field he contemplated removing soon after the date of his letter. This charge, he informs me, is in the bounds of the Evangelical Lutheran Pittsburg Synod—a Synod confessionally based upon the Augsbury Confession, and would assemble about the time of his removal. He respectfully asked me, as President of the Synod, to grant him a certificate of honorable dismission from this to the Pittsburg Synod. His request was endorsed by the Revds. H. Wetzel, J. Stirewalt, and S. Henkel.

After taking time for mature reflection, upon the ground and nature of his request, backed, as it was by three of our ministers who are personally acquainted with Rev H. Hunton, I made out and sent to his address the asked for certificate, accompanied by a reply to his letter. I herewith submit his letter, a copy of my answer, and also a copy of the certificate, to the consideration of Synod.

Sometime in May last, I received a letter from our esteemed bro. J. M. Wagner, who now resides in the State of Mississippi. In his letter he stated that it might be necessary for him to have a certificate of honorable dismission from this Synod, before the meeting of the present session and asked if I as President of Synod, would furnish him such certificate. But as bro. Wagner left the matter entirely open, not stating a reason for such necessity, or naming any Synod to which he would attach himself, I doubted my authority to furnish him such certificate. I therefore addressed a letter to him and referred him to the present meeting of Synod.

Soon after our Synod adjourned last year I received from Rev. Prof. Worley a copy of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran English District Synod of Ohio, which was, I have no doubt, intended for this Synod. By some means it has been misplaced. As things since have turned out, I presume it a matter of very little importance any way. Last March I received

a copy of the Minutes of the first Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, from the President. I herewith submit said Minutes.

From these you will learn that a delegate was appointed to meet us in this Convention of our Synod. Lately, however, I received a communication from the President, informing me that owing to the present state of public affairs in East Tennessee, no delegate can attend this meeting.

A few weeks ago, I was favored with a copy of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina, which I will lay before Synod.

Having now laid before you an account of my official acts during the past year, I yet respectfully desire to call your attention to a few things which I consider worthy the attention of Synod during her present session.

1. I would call the attention of Synod to the subject of a revision of our Liturgy. By reference to the Minutes of 1858, you will find that a committee was appointed to make such revision. The same committee was continued in 1859, and it was made its duty to report to the last session. I find upon the Minutes that the same committee was continued. Would it not be well, if the committee do not report at this session, discharge it and appoint another? The revision is very much needed.

2. I desire to call your attention to the fact that in consequence of the existence of the present war, our people are deprived of the reading of *The Lutheran Standard*, formerly the organ of our Synod, and from the circumstances by which we are surrounded, it is not likely that it will ever reach us again. Now, should we attempt to commence the publication of a religious journal within the boundary of our Synod, or shall we do as we have done for several of the past months—have no Church paper—or shall we encourage *The Southern Lutheran*, the only paper which claims to be Lutheran in the Confederate States? These are matters which demand our consideration at this session of the Synod.

3. A proposition has been made to hold a general Convention of the Lutheran Church in the Confederate States, next Spring, in the town of Salisbury, N. C. A desire has been expressed by some of the most worthy men in some of our sister Synods for this Synod to be represented in that Convention, and an invitation has been extended to our Synod by *The Southern Lutheran* to appoint a delegation to said Convention, and it is likely that some of the brethren from some other Synods may appear before this meeting, to make such request of us in person. It will be for us to determine whether we will be represented in that Convention or not.

4. I would most respectfully call your attention to the subject of bestowing special instruction upon the children in our congregations on Sundays. Can we not adopt some suitable plan for Sunday Schools, and recommend it to our congregations? If this can be done, I feel assured that our people will take hold of it, and it is certain that very much would be gained. The young must be properly instructed in the doctrines of our church, or many of them will be lost to her. The earlier we begin this with them, the better. For all experience proves that early impressions are the most lasting; *train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it*, says Solomon.

I must now close my remaks, by tendering you the Chair which you so generously gave me at the last session, and with it my most sincere thanks for the confidence and forbearance exercised towards me; and if I have erred officially, I humbly ask your pardon. And now may the GREAT HEAD OF THE CHURCH bless us in the future, as he has done in the past, and enable us to do all things to His honor and glory, and the upbuilding of His kingdom upon earth. *Amen.* A. J. FOX.

The President's Report was received.

An election was now held for officers of Synod, which resulted as follows: Rev. A. Efird, President; Rev. J. M. Smith, Secretary; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Treasurer.

Applicant J. Conder, and Rev. J. Moser, Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltcer, Rev. Prof. J. M. Schreckhise, Rev. D. M. Blackwelder, of the South Carolina Synod, being present, were introduced and received as advisory members of Synod.

Papers and documents intended for Synod, were called for, handed in, and placed in the hands of the following committee: Revds. J. E. Seneker, M. J. Stirewalt, and Mr. D. M. Wyant, to class and number them, and report on Monday morning.

Synod now adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

The exercises of worship were introduced by Rev. J. M. Smith, who preached from St. John, xv 5. Immediately after this sermon, Confessional Absolution was attended to, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the members of Synods, with the congregation and members of neighboring congregations.

A recess was then given, after which, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt preached from Romans x 13.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met. Was opened by reading the Word, singing and prayer, by Rev. T. Crouse.

The roll was called. Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Rev. Smithdeal, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of S. C., being present, was introduced to Synod, and received as an advisory member.

The committee to arrange the papers of Synod handed in their report.

The President now announced the following committees:

1. *On President's Report.*—Revds. M. J. Stirewalt, T. Crouse, and Mr. F. Meetze.
2. *On Minutes of last Year.*—Revds. J. E. Seneker, D. Efird, and Mr. G. J. Hook.
3. *On Minutes of Sister Synods.*—Revds. J. M. Smith, M. J. Stirewalt, and Mr. D. Bookman.
4. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. A. J. Fox, and Messrs. L. A. Fox and L. Boland.
5. *On Examination.*—Revds. A. J. Fox, T. Crouse, and J. M Smith.
6. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Revds. D. Efird, T. Crouse, Mr. F. J. Drafts.

A recess was now given, during which, Rev. T. Crouse preached from Luke iv 18—19.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING.—Synod met, and the committees ready to report were called upon.

Committee No 1, on President's Report:

We, the committee appointed to report on the President's Report, beg leave to submit the following. In reference to the official acts of the President, we find the following items:

1. That he has granted a letter of honorable dismission to Rev. J. H. Hunton, from this Synod to the Pittsburg Synod.
2. That on application by Rev. J. M. Wagner, for a letter of honorable dismission from this Synod, the President doubted his authority to grant said letter, and referred him to this meeting of Synod,
3. The reception, by the President, of the Minutes of the first Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod; also of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina.
4. That he calls attention of Synod to the revision of our Liturgy.
5. That he calls the attention of Synod to the importance of a church paper.
6. That he calls the attention of Synod to the fact that an invitation has been extended to this Synod to send a delegation to a Convention to be held by the Lutheran Synods South, in Salisbury, N C., in May next, for taking preliminary steps to the formation of a General Synod in the Confederate States.
7. That he calls the special attention of Synod to the importance of establishing some suitable plan for bestowing instruction upon the children in our congregations on Sundays.

Respectfully submitted.

M. J. STIREWALT,
T. CROUSE,
F. R. MEETZE.

The Report was received. It was

Resolved, That the Report be taken up and read item by item, and if approved, that it be adopted.

In reference to the first and second—the course of the President to the matters therein contained—under the circumstances, was endorsed by the Synod. In regard to items third, fourth and sixth, as they will otherwise be brought before Synod, action on them was deferred for the present.

In reference to item fifth, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That under existing circumstances, we take no action in reference to a Church paper.

On motion, the disposition of the subject of item seventh, was made the special business for to-morrow morning.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Senecker.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, 9 o'clock.

Synod met. Was opened by prayer, by Rev. A. J. Fox. Minutes were read and approved. Item seventh of committee No. 1, was now taken up and considered, and it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draw up a plan for carrying on Sunday School instruction for our congregations.

The committee appointed for this purpose was Revds. T. Moser, J. M. Smith, and T. Crouse.

Committee No. 2 reported as follows:

We, your committee on unfinished business of last Synod, submit the following items:

1. On page 13, of Minutes of last year, we find a resolution making it the duty of each minister to subscribe the resolution concerning the Confessional basis, which Synod at its last session adopted.
2. On page 14, it was made the duty of the Treasurer, by resolution of Synod, to procure a blank book, in which the transactions of Synod are to be recorded.
3. Page 17—the committee to prepare a code of Bylaws and Rules of Order for Synod was still continued. This committee will report in due time.
4. Page 17—that a committee was appointed to collect historical facts relating to the Confessional basis of our Synod.
5. Page 18—that a committee be appointed to confer with the Presidents of the different railroads, for the purpose of procuring half-price tickets.
6. That a committee was appointed to examine and ordain Mr. E. E. Smyre.
7. Page 10—that a committee was appointed to revise our Liturgy.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. SENEKER,
D. EFIRD,
G. J. HOOK.

The report was received, when it was

Resolved, That action be taken upon each item, and disposed of.

As to item 1, Synod cannot learn whether it has been entirely complied with. Item 2 was complied with. In reference to item 4, there was no report from that committee, and it was

Resolved, That the committee be continued, and report at next Synod.

Item 5 was complied with, and half-fare tickets procured. Item 6—this committee, in compliance with the resolution of Synod, to examine and ordain Mr. E. E. Smyre, met in Phanuel's Church, Rowan county, N. C., on Friday ere third Sunday in December, 1860, examined and ordained him on the third Sunday of December, 1860, to the office of Pastor. In reference to item 7, it was

Resolved, That the committee be continued, and that it be made their duty to report at our next session of Synod.

Committee No. 3, on Minutes of sister Synods made the following report:

Your committee find in their hands but two Minutes. First, we have the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina. Its officers are Rev. J. D. Scheck, President; Rev. G. D. Bernheim, Recording Secretary; Rev. J. A. Linn, Corresponding Secretary; and M. Barrier, Esq., Treasurer.

Second—The Minutes of the First Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod. The officers of this Synod are Rev J. K. Hancher, President; Rev J. C. Barb, Secretary; Rev. J. M. Shaffer, Treasurer.

They express a fraternal spirit towards us as a Synod, and elected a delegate to meet with us in this session of Synod. We regret that he is not among us. We assure them that their fraternal feelings are heartily reciprocated, and would recommend that a delegate be appointed to meet with them at their next session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. SMITH,
M. J. STIREWALT,
D. BOOKMAN.

The report was received, and it was

Resolved, That the President appoint some one as delegate to represent this Synod in their next session of Synod.

The President then appointed Rev. A. J. Fox, and Rev. J. M. Smith his alternate. Committee No. 6 reported:

We, your committee appointed to settle with our former Treasurer, beg leave to submit the following report: After a careful examination, we find

in the hands of former Treasurer the sum of	$130 14
Expense of publishing and furnishing Minutes of last year,	71 97
Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer of	$ 58 17

Respectfully submitted.

D. EFIRD,
T. CROUSE,
J. F. DRAFTS.

A recess was now given, during which Rev. J. E. Seneker preached from St. John, iv 24.

FIFTH SESSION.

Tuesday Evening.—Synod met and resumed business. When item 3, of committee No. II, respecting the Bylaws and Rules of Order for our Synod was called for, that committee presented Bylaws and Rules of Order for Synod to adopt. The report was received, and it was

Resolved, That it be taken up and read article by article, section by section, and if approved, be adopted as a whole.

This being done, they were adopted, and are published in the Appendix to these Minutes.

Resolved, That the Bylaws and Rules of Order be recorded in the book for such purpose by the Secretary.

Resolved, That the part of the resolution of last Synod, requiring the Secretary to transcribe the Minutes of Synod into the book for that purpose, be rescinded.

Committee No. 4 made the following report:

We, your committee to report on letters and petitions addressed to Synod submit the following report:

Class I, No. 1.—A letter from Rev. E. E. Smyre, in which he states that the congregations he serves unanimously voted to petition Synod for the pastoral ordination of Mr. I. Conder; but owing to some unavoidable circumstances, the petitions to that effect could only be forwarded from a few of them. He speaks of Mr. Conder in the highest terms as a christian and a scholar. He also offers as his excuse for not attending Synod, that he contemplates shortly visiting his brothers in the army, and that his very extensive charge cannot properly be left without his services for so long a time.

No. 2.—A letter from Rev. J. Killian, in which he expresses his ardent desire to meet with us in Synod; but owing to the present troubles by which his section of country is surrounded, and some obligations he is under to discharge the duties of Chaplain until that regiment can be supplied with a permanant one, he cannot attend. He askes a special interest in our prayers for the success of the cause of our country, and especially for its relief; and he asks to be excused for his non-attendance.

No. 3.—A letter from D. E. Fox, in which he states that he is engaged in prosecuting a course of theological studies, and asks to be taken under the care of Synod as an applicant for the Ministry.

No. 4.—A letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, of the Evangelical Lutheran Va. Synod, extending to us the fraternal feeling of their Synod, and also expresses a hope that the delegation from their Synod to the Convention will meet a similar delegation from this Synod; and other matters of interest not requiring the action of Synod.

Class II, No. 1.—A petition from Phanuel's Church, in which the petitioners recommend Mr. I. Conder as a young man of excellent moral, intellectual and literary qualifications, and they ask Synod to examine him with a view to his pastoral ordination, and if qualified, ordain him to that office.

No. 2.—A petition from Mt. Moriah Church of the same import.

No. 3.—A petition from Emanuel's of same import of No. 1.

No. 4.—A petition from St. Martin's, Stanly county, N. C., asking for the examination of Mr. I. Conder, and if qualified, ordain him to the office of Deacon.

No. 5.—A petition from Bethlehem and Koiner's Church, Va., in which the petitioners ask for the next session of Synod to be held in Bethlehem Church.

No. 6.—A petition from Grace Church, N. C., in which the petitioners ask for the next session of Synod to be held in their Church.

No. 7.—A memorial from St. Martin's, Iredell county, N. C., in which the memorialists impart wholesome advice to the Synod.

Your committee would recommend—

First, that bro. E. E. Smyre be excused for non-attendance of this meeting of Synod.

Second, that bro. Killian be excused also.

Third, that Mr. D. E. Fox be taken under care of Synod as an applicant for the Ministry.

Fourth, inasmuch as Rev. Mr. Miller's letter contains some matter of special interest to the Synod, that it be read before Synod.

Fifth, that if Mr. Conder consents to submit to an examination, that he be examined, and if qualified, that he be ordained.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. FOX,
L. A. FOX,
L. BOLAND.

The report was received, and Synod took action upon it.

REC. 1.—*Resolved*, That Rev. E. E. Smyre be not excused. 2. That Rev. J. Killian be excused. 3. That Mr. D. E. Fox be received under care of Synod as a student of theology.

REC. 5.—Mr. I. Conder consents to be examined. Therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Conder's examination commence to-night and be continued to-morrow, and that the President be added to the Committee of Examination.

An invitation was now given to any one present, desiring to be taken under care of Synod as an applicant for the Ministry, when Mr. L. A. Fox applied and was received as an applicant.

Resolved, That a part of Thursday morning be set apart for prayer, by Synod, to Almighty God in behalf of our Southern Confederacy, and especially for the protection of our dear brethren, and all in the Southern States, that God would bring us deliverance from our troubles.

Resolved, That the first business of Synod, after the examination and ordination of Mr. I. Conder, be the consideration of sending a delegation to the Convention to be held in Salisbury, N. C., next May.

Resolved, That a committee of colloquim be appointed to confer with our young bro. L. A. Fox, as to what are his motives for desiring to embark in the ministry. Committee—T. Crouse, M. J. Stirewalt, D. Bookman.

This committee returned with a favorable report.

Resolved, That a similar committee be appointed to confer with Mr. D. E. Fox, and report next Synod. Rev. J. M. Smith, Gen. D. Seagle. and A. Costner were appointed.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. Efird.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 13, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt. The roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved. The first business of Synod this morning is to extend the examination of Mr. Conder, which was begun last night. The examination of Mr. Conder being completed, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Conder be ordained to the office of Pastor; that Rev. A. J. Fox preach the ordination sermon; and that Mr. I. Conder be ordained by the Examining Committee.

Mr. D. M. Wyant was now excused from further attendance on Synod.

Recess was now given, during which Rev. A. J. Fox preached an ordination sermon from First Timothy, iv 16—"Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this, thou shalt save thyself and them that hear thee."

Immediately after sermon, the committee proceeded to ordain Mr. I. Conder to the office of Pastor, by the imposition of hands, and prayer, according to the order of our Liturgy.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—Synod met and resumed business. Rev. Mr. Boinest of the South Carolina Synod being present, was introduced and received as an advisory member.

Recommendation 4 of Committee No. 4,

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Miller's letter be read in open Synod.

The first business of this session, of importance is to determine whether or not a delegation or commissioners be appointed to the convention to meet in Salisbury, N. C., when it was

Resolved, That five commissioners be appointed by the President to attend the convention of the Southern Synods to convene next May in the town of Salisbury, N. C.

Resolved, That the President be one of the commissioners.

Resolved, That Rev. J. M. Smith return a vote of thanks to the people of this vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the members of Synod during its sitting.

In answer to petitions from Virginia and North Carolina, relative to the place at which to hold the next session of Synod, it was

Resolved, That in consequence of the political troubles of our country, and as Virginia is so near the seat of war, and as we know not when our troubles will end, when Synod adjourns, it adjourns to meet in Grace Church, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1862.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Boinest.

EIGHTH SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and an hour was spent in prayer. The roll was called. The President read out the following commissioners to the convention to be held in Salisbury :—Revds. A. J. Fox and E. E. Smyre, of North Carolina; Revds. J. Killian and S. Henkel, of Virginia.

Parochial reports were now handed in and read before Synod.

Resolved, That two copies of these Minutes be sent to each Minister of Synod, and that one copy be sent to each Lutheran Synod South, and that Rev. A. J. Fox furnish an abstract of these proceedings for publication in *The Southern Lutheran.*

Resolved, That the Secretary address a letter of fraternal regard to the Secretary of Virginia Synod.

A vote of thanks was now returned. The Minutes were read and approved, and confirmed as a whole.

Synod adjourned to assemble at the time and place before designated.

Closed with singing and prayer by the President.

J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations.	Communicants.	BAPTISMS.			Confirmations.	Burials.
			Infants.	Adults.	Slaves.		
J. M. Smith,	3	400	60	3	2	65	12
A. J. Fox,	5	750	69	16		138	23
M. J. Stirewalt,	3	180	19			9	2
J. E Seneker,	4	270	42	9		16	4
J. R. Peterson,	6	400	36	5	9	25	9
A. Efird,	5	500	54	2		67	17
D. Efird,	4	445	51	5		24	11
J. Killian,	2	230	15	4	7	14	

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINUTES.

Rev. J. R. Peterson's	Charge,	$5 60
" J. M. Smith's	"	8 10
" A. J. Fox's	"	7 60
" A. Efird's	"	4 70
" D. Efird's	"	2 50
" T. Moser's	"	1 00
" J. Killian's	"	5 00
" M. J. Stirewalt's	"	2 00
" J. E. Seneker's	"	3 60
" E. E. Smyre's	"	2 40
		$37 50

APPENDIX.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Article I.—*Of the President of Synod.*

Sec. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained Ministers of this body, and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon, and in connection with the *Pastor loci* and Elders of the congregation in which the Synod meets, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not to suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each liberty to speak without interruption from others, and preventing the speaker from deviating from the subject before the house.

Sec. 3. The President, at the commencement of every Synod, shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, and letters received by him since the last regular meeting, and of all important events that have occurred, relating to Synod; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary, or calculated to promote the interest of the church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

Sec. 4. The President, by substituting a Chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject, the same as any other member; and when on any question, should the vote be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote. In all other cases he has no suffrage, except when an election is held by ballot, and then he has not the casting vote.

Sec. 5. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod by removal or otherwise, then the Secretary shall succeed him, and discharge the duties of President until the next regular meeting of Synod.

Article II.—*Of the Secretary.*

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained Ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of his duties.

Sec. 2. He shall keep a faithful and accurate record of all the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers, certificates and documents of the Synod, unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of the Synod. The Secretary shall also attest with his official signature all certificates of ordination, and all resolutions respecting Ministers, Delegates or Churches, and also the Minutes of this Synod, both the written and printed copies.

Sec. 3. He shall keep a correct register of all the Ministers of this Synod, arranged according to their age in office, and a list of all the congregations belonging to the Synod, and give public notice of the time and place of the Synodical meeting, at least six weeks previous to the time of meeting.

Sec. 4. If, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary should become

disqualified to hold his office, should he depart this life, or cease to be a a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers or property of Synod, which was in his hands, and retain it, and discharge the duties of the office, until the next meeting of Synod, and an election held to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE III.—*Of the Treasurer.*

SEC 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys belonging to Synod and shall keep them subject to order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

SEC. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay moneys out of the Treasury.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer is also to see to the printing of the Minutes that may be ordered by the Synod, and distribute them to each of the Minister's respective charges, in proportion to the subscription and moneys received by Synod from them for that purpose.

SEC. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life, or become disqualified to fill his office in any way during the recess of Synod, the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands, and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

ARTICLE IV.—*Process by Synod against a Minister.*

SEC 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the character of its members. No Minister, on account of his office, should be screened from the hand of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandelous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

SEC. 2. All persons, and especially christians, should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an ill report of any person, and especially of a Minister of the Gospel. Should any member of the Church know a Minister to be guilty of a private, censurable fault, he should warn him in private in a brotherly manner. [See Matt. xviii 15.] If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the church counsel who shall admonish the accused according to the above named text, or if he have no pastoral charge, he shall report him to the President of Synod, who shall admonish the erring brother. If he still will not hear, he must be reported to the Synod, to whose decision he must yield.

SEC. 3. If a Minister be guilty of gross immorality, or guilty of teaching erroneous doctrines, information against him shall be lodged with the President. If this be done within three months of the next meeting of Synod, he shall defer the matter until said meeting. Yet, if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental errors in doctrine, or other crimes, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties until his case be decided.

SEC. 4. If accusation is lodged with the President at an earlier date, he shall, if the charges be such as are specified in the third section of this Article, immediately appoint a committee of investigation, consisting of three ordained Ministers and three lay-members, to meet without delay, at some convenient place, and institute a formal investigation of the case. The President shall give at least fifteen days notice of said investigation, to the parties concerned. The said committee shall have power to proceed and hold a fair and impartial investigation, with a view to ascertain the guilt or innocence of the accused; and to this end to cite any church member to appear before them, and procure other witnesses when necessary.

SEC. 5. If the accused confess, and the matter be base and flagitious, as specified in the third section of this article, however penitent he may be, he must, for the present, be immediately suspended from the exercise of his

office, and if deemed necessary, a time may be appointed for him to publicly confess to the Synod. And if the accused deny the charge, and yet on the examination of the evidence, is found guilty, the committee shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence upon him.

SEC. 6. If a Minister, accused of atrocious crimes, be duly notified, and refuses to tttend the investigation, he shall be immediately suspended from the exercise of all ministerial duties. The highest punishment that can be inflicted by a committee appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported to the next session of Synod, and remain in force until reversed by it. And any Minister intending to appeal from the decision of the committee to Synod, shall give notice thereof to his accusors, within three weeks after the decision was made, that the parties may be prepared for a new hearing.

SEC. 7. If proceedure against an accused Minister be deferred, as specified in the third section of this Article, the President shall immediately give notice to the parties concerned, that they may be prepared for an investigation at the next meeting of Synod.

SEC. 8. If an accusation against a Minister be made immediately to Synod, and the Synod be in possession of all the evidence, they may immediately proceed with the trial; but if the necessary evidence be not before Synod, the President may appoint a committee of investigation as above specified.

SEC. 9. If a Minister be found guilty of drunkenness, lewdness, or fundamental errors in doctrine, or other crimes, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed till he give evidence of true penitence and reform, and he can be restored only by the Synod.

SEC. 10. And it shall be the duty of the President of Synod to notify the Elders of said congregation that he has been deposed, and warn them against his continuance. And should any congregation in our connection employ or continue a person as Pastor, or as their Minister, who is under sentence of suspension or exclusion, its connection with Synod shall be dissolved.

ARTICLE V.—*Admission of Ministers.*

SEC. 1. Any person, making application to this Synod, as an applicant for the ministry, must be of hopeful piety and good character, and shall place himself under the special care of seme Minister in connection with this Synod, under whose direction he may be allowed to preach and catechise.

SEC. 2. When an applicant is presented to Synod by one or more congregations, for ordination, he shall be examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments, and if the examination be satisfactory to the committee and the Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of the ministry by a committee appointed for that purpose—the ordination to be conducted according to our Liturgy.

SEC. 3. When an ordained Minister of any other religious denomination makes application to be received in connection with this Synod, he must be required to acknowledge the confessional basis of our Synod. The concurrence of two-thirds of the members of any regular meeting of Synod, shall be required, upon the reception of any ordained Minister, or a candidate for ordination.

ARTICLE VI.—*Order of Business in Synod.*

SEC. 1. At the time and place appointed for meeting, the members present shall assemble, and if five ordained Ministers and five lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. The first session shall be opened by the President, with suitable religious exercises; and in the absence of the President, the Secretary, or in the absence of both, by one of the older Ministers present. And eve-

ry successive session shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall then call the Clerical Roll of this Synod, and note the absentees.

SEC. 4. The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

SEC. 5. The President shall read his Annual Report, as the last official act of his office, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year, the election then to take place.

SEC. 6. The admission of delegates from other eclesiastical bodies, and advisory members may be received.

SEC. 7. The Minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; and all papers and documents intended for this Synod, may be handed in, and verbal notice given of any important business, intended to be brought before Synod.

SEC. 8. If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, they may, by the President, be placed in the hands of a committee, to be classed and numbered according to the nature of their contents; however, if the number be small, the President may assort and appropriately refer them to any of the standing committees, which he may now appoint:

I. On the President's Report.
II. On unfinished business of last Synod.
III. On Treasurer's Report.
IV. On letters and petitions.
V. On examination of candidates for the Ministry.

As many special committees may be appointed as the exigencies of any case may require.

SEC. 9. The vacant congregations may be inquired into, and provision made for them.

The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals may be filled up by the succeeding items and promiscuous business.

SEC. 10. Each Minister in connection with this Synod, shall give in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any others the Synod may at any time require.

SEC. 11. Election of delegates to eclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod.

SEC. 12. The time and place of holding the next session of Synod; the place determined by ballot, and time by resolution.

SEC. 13. Should any of the officers of Synod be absent from Synod, they shall send their reports, with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. And in case of their absence during the sessions of the meeting, others may be chosen *pro tempore*.

SEC. 14. Any of the foregoing regulations may be altered or amended, at any regular sessions of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice of such amendment at the previous session of Synod.

SEC. 15. Dismission of Synod by the President, with appropriate religious service.

J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

LEXINGTON DISTRICT, S. C.,

NOVEMBER 9—14, A. D. 1861.

GREENSBOROUGH, N. C.
M. S. SHERWOOD, PRINTER, PATRIOT OFFICE.
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OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT,

REV. A. EFIRD.

SECRETARY,

REV. J. M. SMITH.

TREASURER,

REV. M. J. STIREWALT.

Forty-Second Synod.

THE forty-second annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod will convene in Grace Church, Catawba county, N. C, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1862.

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MINUTES.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in St. John's Church, on Saturday before the second Sunday of November, 1861.

The opening Sermon was preached by the President, Rev. A. J. Fox, from Heb. ii 3.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9.

The members of Synod assembled in the Church, to organize and commence business. The first business was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The Clerical Roll was called, and the absentees noted.

1.	Rev.	A. HENKEL,*	New Market, Va.
2.	"	H. GOODMAN,‖	Statesville, N. C.
3.	"	J. KILLIAN,*	Waynesborough, Va.
4.	"	H. WETZEL,*	Mt. Solon, Va.
5.	"	WILLIAM HANCHER,*	Mill Point Tenn.
6.	"	A. J FOX,	Lincolnton, N. C.
7.	"	J. R. MOSER,*	Castor, Mo.
8.	"	J. STIREWALT,*	New Market, Va.
9.	"	C. G. REITZEL,*	Flint Rock, N. C.
10.	"	P. C. HENKEL,‖	Newton, N. C.
11.	"	J. R. PETERSON,‖	Dallas, N. C.
12.	"	GEORGE SCHMUCKER,*	Upper Tract, Va.
13.	"	T. MOSER,*	Taylorsville. N. C.
14.	"	J M. WAGNER,*	
15.	"	A. EFIRD,	Lexington, S. C.
16.	"	T. CROUSE,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
17.	"	D. EFIRD,	Countsville S. C.
18.	"	C. MORETZ,‖	Rose Vale, N. C.
19.	"	I. CONDER,†	
20.	"	J. E. SENEKER,	Lexington, N. C.
21.	"	J. M. SMITH,	Catawba Station, N. C.
22.	"	M. J. STIREWALT,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
23.	"	J. H. HUNTON,‡	

DEACON.

Rev. J. COSTNER,.....Dallas, N. C.

APPLICANTS.

Messrs. D. E. FOX and L. A. FOX.

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*Absent and excused. †Ordained this session. ‡Letter of honorable dismission. ‖Not excused.

Lay-delegates were called upon to hand in their certificates of election to this Synod:

F. Cromer, St. John's, S. C.; L. Boland, St. Peter's S. C.; S. H. Whites, St. Jacob's, S. C.; D. Bookman, Bethlehem, S. C.; F. R. Meetze, St. Peter's or Meetze's, S. C.; J. F. Drafts, Cedar Grove. S. C; N. Kleckley, Zion's, S. C.; G. J. Hook, St Paul's. S. C.; W. Troutman, St. Martin's, St. Peter's, and Sharon, N. C.; A. Moser, Melanchton's, Coble's, and Mt. Pleasant, N. C; D. M. Wyant, Trinity and Bethpage, N. C.; L. A. Fox, Salem's, Daniel's, and Grace, N. C.; J. J. C. Efird, St. Martin's, N. C.

The Synod being organized, the President read his official report, which was laid on the table for future action.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—Heretofore it has not been the custom of the presiding officer in the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod to make out and read an official report at the opening of our annual sessions, and I am aware that under a strict interpretation of our constitution no such officer exists, after the close of the session; and therefore, during the Synodical year, no official acts can properly be performed by the President. But inasmuch as by common consent, the office of President is allowed to continue from one session to another, and inasmuch as during the past year, several official acts have been requested of me as President, and inasmuch as I felt it my duty to comply with some of these requests, I deem it nothing but right that I should render an account of my stewardship to those whom I have represented, and therefore beg leave to read before you and submit to your christian consideration the following

Report.—We, by the grace of God, are assembled together in the forty-first annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and it becomes us as a body of christian ministers and lay-delegates to make suitable returns of thankfulness and praise to our kind Heavenly Father and the great Head of the Church for the many great and distinguished blessings we have enjoyed from the very origin of our organization—and especially during the past year.

Our Synod, it is true, has had many severe trials, some of them seeming to threaten her very existence, yet, in the Hand of God, she has survived them all, and she stands to-day the first Synod upon the continent of America, who took her position in defence of the pure and wholesome doctrines of the venerable confession of Augsbury, and still maintain it. I congratulate you upon the fact that there is a disposition manifested in several other Synods in this country, to return to the ancient land-marks and standards of doctrine established by our fathers of the Reformation.

During the past year, a series of troublesome events have been thrust upon us by the authorities of the United States, which have severely harrassed some other eclesiastical bodies, and death, the fell-destroyer, has done his work in some of our sister Lutheran Synods; but we have great reason to thank God that we have been but litt'e effected by the one, and have entirely escaped the other of these evils. We remain to-day an unbroken band of brothers. We are all still alive and united upon the great civil interests of our country. Every minister and nearly every lay-man is exerting himself with laudable zeal to do all the good he can, for those who have enlisted and still are enlisting so nobly in our defence—ever ready to afford every possible assistance to the good cause in which we are engaged.

Whilst wicked men are raging with madness, and filling the whole land

with fear and trouble, and whilst avaricious men are wickedly availing themselves of every possible means to enrich themselves and oppress others, our Heavenly Father has blessed the entire Confederate States with unprecedented good health and an unparalleled abundance of the products of the earth. All our garners, cribs, and barns are filled to overflowing; our tables, too, have been spread with the substantials and "fat things," and more or less with the delicacies and luxuries of our own favored land.

While God, by the hand of Nature, has thus lavished his goodness upon us, He has also, by the hand of Grace, most mercifully blessed us amidst many neglected and ever-abused mercies,—has been long suffering and indulgent, and in some places at least, has crowned our labors with success.

Our ministers have generally been faithful in the discharge of their official duties. Most of our hitherto vacant congregations have been supplied with a stated ministry, our pulpits have been regularly filled, and our people have been nourished by the Gospel and other means of Grace.

It is truly cheering to know that generally there is a steady and well-marked improvement in morals and piety among our people. There seems to be everywhere a growing interest among the members of our congregations in the prosperity of our beloved Lutheran Zion. There are also some changes for the better in matters relating to christian-benevolence; our ministers in many places are better sustained than formerly, and before the commencement of our present troubles in civil affairs, something was beginning to be done in certain quarters for the good cause of domestic missions and beneficiary education. I fondly trust that when the war in which we are engaged shall have ended, that things among us will take a most happy turn, and in a few short years our beloved Lutheran Church in this Confederacy will be more prosperous than ever before.

I will now proceed to give you some account of my official acts. About the 25th of last April, I received a communication from bro. J. H. Hunton, stating that owing to the feebleness of his health, he had resigned his connection with the Woodstock Pastorate, in the great Valley of Virginia, which is an extensive field; and soon after received and accepted a call from Williamsburg, C. W., which Pastorate embraces but one congregation. To this new field he contemplated removing soon after the date of his letter. This charge, he informs me, is in the bounds of the Evangelical Lutheran Pittsburg Synod—a Synod confessionally based upon the Augsbury Confession, and would assemble about the time of his removal. He respectfully asked me, as President of the Synod, to grant him a certificate of honorable dismission from this to the Pittsburg Synod. His request was endorsed by the Revds. H. Wetzel, J. Stirewalt, and S. Henkel.

After taking time for mature reflection, upon the ground and nature of his request, backed, as it was. by three of our ministers who are personally acquainted with Rev. H. Hunton, I made out and sent to his address the asked-for certificate, accompanied by a reply to his letter. I herewith submit his letter, a copy of my answer, and also a copy of the certificate, to the consideration of Synod.

Sometime in May last, I received a letter from our esteemed bro. J. M. Wagner, who now resides in the State of Mississippi. In his letter he stated that it might be necessary for him to have a certificate of honorable dismission from this Synod, before the meeting of the present session and asked if I as President of Synod, would furnish him such certificate. But as bro. Wagner left the matter entirely open, not stating a reason for such necessity, or naming any Synod to which he would attach himself, I doubted my authority to furnish him such certificate. I therefore addressed a letter to him and referred him to the present meeting of Synod.

Soon after our Synod adjourned last year I received from Rev. Prof. Worley a copy of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran English District Synod of Ohio, which was, I have no doubt, intended for this Synod. By some means it has been misplaced. As things since have turned out, I presume it a matter of very little importance any way. Last March I received

a copy of the Minutes of the first Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, from the President I herewith submit said Minutes.

From these you will learn that a delegate was appointed to meet us in this Convention of our Synod. Lately, however, I received a communication from the President, in orming me that owing to the present state of public affairs in East Tennessee, no delegate can attend this meeting.

A few weeks ago, I was favored with a copy of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina, which I will lay before Synod.

Having now laid before you an account of my official acts during the past year, I yet respectfully desire to call your attention to a few things which I consider worthy the attention of Synod during her present session.

1. I would call the attention of Synod to the subject of a revision of our Liturgy. By reference to the Minutes of 1858, you will find that a committee was appointed to make such revision. The same committee was continued in 1859, and it was made its duty to report to the last session. I find upon the Minutes that the same committee was continued. Would it not be well, if the committee do not report at this session, discharge it and appoint another? The revision is very much needed.

2. I desire to call your attention to the fact that in consequence of the existence of the present war, our people are deprived of the reading of *The Lutheran Standard,* formerly the organ of our Synod, and from the circumstances by which we are surrounded, it is not likely that it will ever reach us again. Now, should we attempt to commence the publication of a religious journal within the boundary of our Synod, or shall we do as we have done for several of the past months—have no Church paper—or shall we encourage *The Southern Lutheran,* the only paper which claims to be Lutheran in the Confederate States? These are matters which demand our consideration at this session of the Synod.

3. A proposition has been made to hold a general Convention of the Lutheran Church in the Confederate States, next Spring, in the town of Salisbury, N. C. A desire has been expressed by some of the most worthy men in some of our sister Synods for this Synod to be represented in that Convention, and an invitation has been extended to our Synod by *The Southern Lutheran* to appoint a delegation to said Convention, and it is likely that some of the brethren from some other Synods may appear before this meeting, to make such request of us in person. It will be for us to determine whether we will be represented in that Convention or not.

4. I would most respectfully call your attention to the subject of bestowing special instruction upon the children in our congregations on Sundays. Can we not adopt some suitable plan for Sunday Schools, and recommend it to our congregations? If this can be done, I feel assured that our people will take hold of it, and it is certain that very much would be gained. The young must be properly instructed in the doctrines of our church, or many of them will be lost to her. The earlier we begin this with them, the better. For all experience proves that early impressions are the most lasting; *train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it,* says Solomon.

I must now close my remaks, by tendering you the Chair which you so generously gave me at the last session, and with it my most sincere thanks for the confidence and forbearance exercised towards me; and if I have erred officially, I humbly ask your pardon And now may the GREAT HEAD OF THE CHURCH bless us in the future, as he has done in the past, and enable us to do all things to His honor and glory, and the upbuilding of His kingdom upon earth. *Amen.* A. J. FOX.

The President's Report was received.

An election was now held for officers of Synod, which resulted as follows: Rev. A. Efird, President; Rev. J. M. Smith, Secretary; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Treasurer.

Applicant J. Conder, and Rev. J. Moser, Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltcer, Rev. Prof. J. M. Schreckhise, Rev. D. M. Blackwelder, of the South Carolina Synod, being present, were introduced and received as advisory members of Synod.

Papers and documents intended for Synod, were called for, handed in, and placed in the hands of the following committee: Revds. J. E Seneker, M. J. Stirewalt, and Mr. D. M. Wyant, to class and number them, and report on Monday morning.

Synod now adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

The exercises of worship were introduced by Rev. J. M. Smith, who preached from St John, xv 5. Immediately after this sermon, Confessional Absolution was attended to, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the members of Synods, with the congregation and members of neighboring congregations.

A recess was then given, after which, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt preached from Romans x 13.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met. Was opened by reading the Word, singing and prayer, by Rev. T. Crouse.

The roll was called. Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Rev. Smithdeal, of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of S. C., being present, was introduced to Synod, and received as an advisory member.

The committee to arrange the papers of Synod handed in their report.

The President now announced the following committees:

1. *On President's Report*—Revds. M. J. Stirewalt, T. Crouse, and Mr. F. Meetze.
2. *On Minutes of last Year*—Revds. J. E. Seneker, D. Efird, and Mr. G. J. Hook.
3. *On Minutes of Sister Synods.*—Revds. J. M. Smith, M. J. Stirewalt, and Mr. D. Bookman.
4. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. A. J Fox, and Messrs. L. A. Fox and L. Boland
5. *On Examination.*—Revds. A. J Fox, T Crouse, and J. M Smith.
6. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Revds. D. Efird, T. Crouse, Mr. F. J. Drafts.

A recess was now given, during which, Rev. T. Crouse preached from Luke iv 18—19.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING.—Synod met, and the committees ready to report were called upon.

Committee No 1, on President's Report:

We, the committee appointed to report on the President's Report, beg leave to submit the following. In reference to the official acts of the President, we find the following items:

1. That he has granted a letter of honorable dismission to Rev. J. H. Hunton, from this Synod to the Pittsburg Synod.
2. That on application by Rev. J. M. Wagner, for a letter of honorable dismission from this Synod, the President doubted his authority to grant said letter, and referred him to this meeting of Synod,
3. The reception, by the President, of the Minutes of the first Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod; also of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina.
4. That he calls attention of Synod to the revision of our Liturgy.
5. That he calls the attention of Synod to the importance of a church paper.
6. That he calls the attention of Synod to the fact that an invitation has been extended to this Synod to send a delegation to a Convention to be held by the Lutheran Synods South, in Salisbury, N C., in May next, for taking preliminary steps to the formation of a General Synod in the Confederate States.
7. That he calls the special attention of Synod to the importance of establishing some suitable plan for bestowing instruction upon the children in our congregations on Sundays.

Respectfully submitted.

M. J. STIREWALT,
T. CROUSE,
F. R. MEETZE.

The Report was received. It was

Resolved, That the Report be taken up and read item by item, and if approved, that it be adopted.

In reference to the first and second—the course of the President to the matters therein contained—under the circumstances, was endorsed by the Synod. In regard to items third, fourth and sixth, as they will otherwise be brought before Synod, action on them was deferred for the present.

In reference to item fifth, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That under existing circumstances, we take no action in reference to a Church paper.

On motion, the disposition of the subject of item seventh, was made the special business for to-morrow morning.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Senecker.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, 9 o'clock.

Synod met. Was opened by prayer, by Rev. A. J. Fox. Minutes were read and approved. Item seventh of committee No. 1, was now taken up and considered, and it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draw up a plan for carrying on Sunday School instruction for our congregations.

The committee appointed for this purpose was Revds. T. Moser, J. M. Smith, and T. Crouse.

Committee No. 2 reported as follows:

We, your committee on unfinished business of last Synod, submit the following items:

1. On page 13, of Minutes of last year, we find a resolution making it the duty of each minister to subscribe the resolution concerning the Confessional basis, which Synod at its last session adopted.
2. On page 14, it was made the duty of the Treasurer, by resolution of Synod, to procure a blank book, in which the transactions of Synod are to be recorded.
3. Page 17—the committee to prepare a code of Bylaws and Rules of Order for Synod was still continued. This committee will report in due time.
4. Page 17—that a committee was appointed to collect historical facts relating to the Confessional basis of our Synod.
5. Page 18—that a committee be appointed to confer with the Presidents of the different railroads, for the purpose of procuring half-price tickets.
6. That a committee was appointed to examine and ordain Mr. E. E. Smyre.
7. Page 10—that a committee was appointed to revise our Liturgy.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. SENEKER,
D. EFIRD,
G. J. HOOK.

The report was received, when it was

Resolved, That action be taken upon each item, and disposed of.

As to item 1, Synod cannot learn whether it has been entirely complied with. Item 2 was complied with. In reference to item 4, there was no report from that committee, and it was

Resolved, That the committee be continued, and report at next Synod.

Item 5 was complied with, and half-fare tickets procured. Item 6—this committee, in compliance with the resolution of Synod, to examine and ordain Mr. E. E. Smyre, met in Phanuel's Church, Rowan county, N. C., on Friday ere third Sunday in December, 1860, examined and ordained him on the third Sunday of December, 1860, to the office of Pastor. In reference to item 7, it was

Resolved, That the committee be continued, and that it be made their duty to report at our next session of Synod.

Committee No. 3, on Minutes of sister Synods made the following report:

Your committee find in their hands but two Minutes. First, we have the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina. Its officers are Rev. J. D. Scheck, President; Rev. G. D. Bernheim, Recording Secretary; Rev. J. A. Linn, Corresponding Secretary; and M. Barrier, Esq., Treasurer.

Second—The Minutes of the First Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod. The officers of this Synod are Rev J. K. Hancher, President; Rev J. C. Barb, Secretary; Rev. J. M. Shaffer, Treasurer.

They express a fraternal spirit towards us as a Synod, and elected a delegate to meet with us in this session of Synod. We regret that he is not among us. We assure them that their fraternal feelings are heartily reciprocated, and would recommend that a delegate be appointed to meet with them at their next session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. SMITH,
M. J. STIREWALT,
D. BOOKMAN.

The report was received, and it was

Resolved, That the President appoint some one as delegate to represent this Synod in their next session of Synod.

The President then appointed Rev. A. J. Fox, and Rev. J. M. Smith his alternate. Committee No. 6 reported:

We, your committee appointed to settle with our former Treasurer, beg leave to submit the following report: After a careful examination, we find

in the hands of former Treasurer the sum of	$130 14
Expense of publishing and furnishing Minutes of last year,	71 97
Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer of	$ 58 17

Respectfully submitted.

D. EFIRD,
T. CROUSE,
J. F. DRAFTS.

A recess was now given, during which Rev. J. E. Seneker preached from St. John, iv 24.

FIFTH SESSION.

Tuesday Evening.—Synod met and resumed business. When item 3, of committee No. II, respecting the Bylaws and Rules of Order for our Synod was called for, that committee presented Bylaws and Rules of Order for Synod to adopt. The report was received, and it was

Resolved, That it be taken up and read article by article, section by section, and if approved, be adopted as a whole.

This being done, they were adopted, and are published in the Appendix to these Minutes.

Resolved, That the Bylaws and Rules of Order be recorded in the book for such purpose by the Secretary.

Resolved, That the part of the resolution of last Synod, requiring the Secretary to transcribe the Minutes of Synod into the book for that purpose, be rescinded.

Committee No. 4 made the following report:

We, your committee to report on letters and petitions addressed to Synod submit the following report:

CLASS I, No. 1.—A letter from Rev. E. E. Smyre, in which he states that the congregations he serves unanimously voted to petition Synod for the pastoral ordination of Mr. I. Conder; but owing to some unavoidable circumstances, the petitions to that effect could only be forwarded from a few of them. He speaks of Mr. Conder in the highest terms as a christian and a scholar. He also offers as his excuse for not attending Synod, that he contemplates shortly visiting his brothers in the army, and that his very extensive charge cannot properly be left without his services for so long a time.

No. 2.—A letter from Rev. J. Killian, in which he expresses his ardent desire to meet with us in Synod; but owing to the present troubles by which his section of country is surrounded, and some obligations he is under to discharge the duties of Chaplain until that regiment can be supplied with a permanant one, he cannot attend. He askes a special interest in our prayers for the success of the cause of our country, and especially for its relief; and he asks to be excused for his non-attendance.

No. 3.—A letter from D. E. Fox, in which he states that he is engaged in prosecuting a course of theological studies, and asks to be taken under the care of Synod as an applicant for the Ministry.

No. 4.—A letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, of the Evangelical Lutheran Va. Synod, extending to us the fraternal feeling of their Synod, and also expresses a hope that the delegation from their Synod to the Convention will meet a similar delegation from this Synod; and other matters of interest not requiring the action of Synod.

CLASS II, No. 1.—A petition from Phanuel's Church, in which the petitioners recommend Mr. I. Conder as a young man of excellent moral, intellectual and literary qualifications, and they ask Synod to examine him with a view to his pastoral ordination, and if qualified, ordain him to that office.

No. 2.—A petition from Mt. Moriah Church of the same import.

No. 3.—A petition from Emanuel's of same import of No. 1.

No. 4.—A petition from St. Martin's, Stanly county, N. C., asking for the examination of Mr. I. Conder, and if qualified, ordain him to the office of Deacon.

No. 5.—A petition from Bethlehem and Koiner's Church, Va., in which the petitioners ask for the next session of Synod to be held in Bethlehem Church.

No 6.—A petition from Grace Church, N. C., in which the petitioners ask for the next session of Synod to be held in their Church.

No. 7.—A memorial from St. Martin's, Iredell county, N. C., in which the memorialists impart wholesome advice to the Synod.

Your committee would recommend—

First, that bro. E. E. Smyre be excused for non-attendance of this meeting of Synod.

Second, that bro. Killian be excused also.

Third, that Mr. D. E. Fox be taken under care of Synod as an applicant for the Ministry.

Fourth, inasmuch as Rev. Mr. Miller's letter contains some matter of special interest to the Synod, that it be read before Synod.

Fifth, that if Mr. Conder consents to submit to an examination, that he be examined, and if qualified, that he be ordained.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. FOX,
L. A. FOX,
L. BOLAND.

The report was received, and Synod took action upon it.

Rec. 1.—*Resolved*, That Rev. E. E. Smyre be not excused. 2. That Rev. J. Killian be excused. 3. That Mr. D. E. Fox be received under care of Synod as a student of theology.

Rec. 5.—Mr. I. Conder consents to be examined. Therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Conder's examination commence to-night and be continued to-morrow, and that the President be added to the Committee of Examination.

An invitation was now given to any one present, desiring to be taken under care of Synod as an applicant for the Ministry, when Mr. L. A. Fox applied and was received as an applicant.

Resolved, That a part of Thursday morning be set apart for prayer, by Synod, to Almighty God in behalf of our Southern Confederacy, and especially for the protection of our dear brethren, and all in the Southern States, that God would bring us deliverance from our troubles.

Resolved, That the first business of Synod, after the examination and ordination of Mr. I. Conder, be the consideration of sending a delegation to the Convention to be held in Salisbury, N. C., next May.

Resolved, That a committee of colloquim be appointed to confer with our young bro. L. A. Fox, as to what are his motives for desiring to embark in the ministry. Committee—T. Crouse, M. J. Stirewalt, D. Bookman.

This committee returned with a favorable report.

Resolved, That a similar committee be appointed to confer with Mr. D. E. Fox, and report next Synod. Rev. J. M. Smith, Gen. D. Seagle. and A. Costner were appointed.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. Efird.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 13, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and was opened by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt. The roll was called, and the Minutes were read and approved. The first business of Synod this morning is to extend the examination of Mr. Conder, which was begun last night. The examination of Mr. Conder being completed, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Conder be ordained to the office of Pastor; that Rev. A. J. Fox preach the ordination sermon; and that Mr. I. Conder be ordained by the Examining Committee.

Mr. D. M. Wyant was now excused from further attendance on Synod.

Recess was now given, during which Rev. A. J. Fox preached an ordination sermon from First Timothy, iv 16—"Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this, thou shalt save thyself and them that hear thee."

Immediately after sermon, the committee proceeded to ordain Mr. I. Conder to the office of Pastor, by the imposition of hands, and prayer, according to the order of our Liturgy.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—Synod met and resumed business. Rev. Mr. Boinest of the South Carolina Synod being present, was introduced and received as an advisory member.

Recommendation 4 of Committee No. 4,

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Miller's letter be read in open Synod.

The first business of this session, of importance is to determine whether or not a delegation or commissioners be appointed to the convention to meet in Salisbury, N. C., when it was

Resolved, That five commissioners be appointed by the President to attend the convention of the Southern Synods to convene next May in the town of Salisbury, N. C.

Resolved, That the President be one of the commissioners.

Resolved, That Rev. J. M. Smith return a vote of thanks to the people of this vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they entertained the members of Synod during its sitting.

In answer to petitions from Virginia and North Carolina, relative to the place at which to hold the next session of Synod, it was

Resolved, That in consequence of the political troubles of our country, and as Virginia is so near the seat of war, and as we know not when our troubles will end, when Synod adjourns, it adjourns to meet in Grace Church, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1862.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Boinest.

EIGHTH SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14, 9 o'clock.

Synod met, and an hour was spent in prayer. The roll was called. The President read out the following commissioners to the convention to be held in Salisbury :—Revds. A. J. Fox and E. E. Smyre, of North Carolina; Revds. J. Killian and S. Henkel, of Virginia.

Parochial reports were now handed in and read before Synod.

Resolved. That two copies of these Minutes be sent to each Minister of Synod, and that one copy be sent to each Lutheran Synod South, and that Rev. A. J. Fox furnish an abstract of these proceedings for publication in *The Southern Lutheran.*

Resolved, That the Secretary address a letter of fraternal regard to the Secretary of Virginia Synod.

A vote of thanks was now returned. The Minutes were read and approved, and confirmed as a whole.

Synod adjourned to assemble at the time and place before designated.

Closed with singing and prayer by the President.

J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations.	Communicants.	BAPTISMS.			Confirmations.	Burials.
			Infants.	Adults.	Slaves.		
J. M. Smith,	3	400	60	3	2	65	12
A. J. Fox,	5	750	69	16		138	23
M. J. Stirewalt,	3	180	19			9	2
J. E Seneker,	4	270	42	9		16	4
J. R. Peterson,	6	400	36	5	9	25	9
A. Efird,	5	500	54	2		67	17
D. Efird,	4	445	51	5		24	11
J. Killian,	2	230	15	4	7	14	

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINUTES.

Rev. J. R. Peterson's	Charge,	$5 60
" J. M. Smith's	"	8 10
" A. J. Fox's	"	7 60
" A. Efird's	"	4 70
" D. Efird's	"	2 50
" T. Moser's	"	1 00
" J. Killian's	"	5 00
" M. J. Stirewalt's	"	2 00
" J. E. Seneker's	"	3 60
" E. E. Smyre's	"	2 40
		$37 50

APPENDIX.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER FOR THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Article I.—*Of the President of Synod.*

Sec. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained Ministers of this body, and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon, and in connection with the *Pastor loci* and Elders of the congregation in which the Synod meets, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not to suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each liberty to speak without interruption from others, and preventing the speaker from deviating from the subject before the house.

Sec. 3. The President, at the commencement of every Synod, shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, and letters received by him since the last regular meeting, and of all important events that have occurred, relating to Synod; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary, or calculated to promote the interest of the church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

Sec. 4. The President, by substituting a Chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject, the same as any other member; and when on any question, should the vote be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote. In all other cases he has no suffrage, except when an election is held by ballot, and then he has not the casting vote.

Sec. 5. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod by removal or otherwise, then the Secretary shall succeed him, and discharge the duties of President until the next regular meeting of Synod.

Article II.—*Of the Secretary.*

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained Ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of his duties.

Sec. 2. He shall keep a faithful and accurate record of all the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers, certificates and documents of the Synod, unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of the Synod. The Secretary shall also attest with his official signature all certificates of ordination, and all resolutions respecting Ministers, Delegates or Churches, and also the Minutes of this Synod, both the written and printed copies.

Sec. 3. He shall keep a correct register of all the Ministers of this Synod, arranged according to their age in office, and a list of all the congregations belonging to the Synod, and give public notice of the time and place of the Synodical meeting, at least six weeks previous to the time of meeting.

Sec. 4. If, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary should become

disqualified to hold his office, should he depart this life, or cease to be a a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers or property of Synod, which was in his hands, and retain it, and discharge the duties of the office, until the next meeting of Synod, and an election held to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE III.—*Of the Treasurer.*

SEC 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys belonging to Synod and shall keep them subject to order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

SEC. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay moneys out of the Treasury.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer is also to see to the printing of the Minutes that may be ordered by the Synod, and distribute them to each of the Minister's respective charges, in proportion to the subscription and moneys received by Synod from them for that purpose.

SEC. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life, or become disqualified to fill his office in any way during the recess of Synod, the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands, and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

ARTICLE IV.—*Process by Synod against a Minister.*

SEC 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the character of its members. No Minister, on account of his office, should be screened from the hand of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandelous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

SEC. 2. All persons, and especially christians, should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an ill report of any person, and especially of a Minister of the Gospel. Should any member of the Church know a Minister to be guilty of a private, censurable fault, he should warn him in private in a brotherly manner. [See Matt. xviii 15.] If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the church counsel who shall admonish the accused according to the above-named text, or if he have no pastoral charge, he shall report him to the President of Synod, who shall admonish the erring brother. If he still will not hear, he must be reported to the Synod, to whose decision he must yield.

SEC. 3. If a Minister be guilty of gross immorality, or guilty of teaching erroneous doctrines, information against him shall be lodged with the President. If this be done within three months of the next meeting of Synod, he shall defer the matter until said meeting. Yet, if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental errors in doctrine, or other crimes, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties until his case be decided.

SEC. 4. If accusation is lodged with the President at an earlier date, he shall, if the charges be such as are specified in the third section of this Article, immediately appoint a committee of investigation, consisting of three ordained Ministers and three lay-members, to meet without delay, at some convenient place, and institute a formal investigation of the case. The President shall give at least fifteen days notice of said investigation, to the parties concerned. The said committee shall have power to proceed and hold a fair and impartial investigation, with a view to ascertain the guilt or innocence of the accused; and to this end to cite any church member to appear before them, and procure other witnesses when necessary.

SEC. 5. If the accused confess, and the matter be base and flagitious, as specified in the third section of this article, however penitent he may be, he must, for the present, be immediately suspended from the exercise of his

office, and if deemed necessary. a time may be appointed for him to publicly confess to the Synod. And if the accused deny the charge, and yet on the examination of the evidence, is found guilty, the committee shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence upon him.

SEC. 6. If a Minister, accused of atrocious crimes, be duly notified, and refuses to tttend the investigation, he shall be immediately suspended from the exercise of all ministerial duties. The highest punishment that can be inflicted by a committee appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported to the next session of Synod, and remain in force until reversed by it. And any Minister intending to appeal from the decision of the committee to Synod, shall give notice thereof to his accusors, within three weeks after the decision was made, that the parties may be prepared for a new hearing.

SEC. 7. If proceedure against an accused Minister be deferred, as specified in the third section of this Article, the President shall immediately give notice to the parties concerned, that they may be prepared for an investigation at the next meeting of Synod.

SEC. 8. If an accusation against a Minister be made immediately to Synod, and the Synod be in possession of all the evidence, they may immediately proceed with the trial; but if the necessary evidence be not before Synod, the President may appoint a committee of investigation as above specified.

SEC. 9. If a Minister be found guilty of drunkenness, lewdness, or fundamental errors in doctrine, or other crimes, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed till he give evidence of true penitence and reform, and he can be restored only by the Synod.

SEC. 10. And it shall be the duty of the President of Synod to notify the Elders of said congregation that he has been deposed, and warn them against his continuance. And should any congregation in our connection employ or continue a person as Pastor, or as their Minister, who is under sentence of suspension or exclusion, its connection with Synod shall be dissolved.

ARTICLE V.—*Admission of Ministers.*

SEC. 1. Any person, making application to this Synod, as an applicant for the ministry, must be of hopeful piety and good character, and shall place himself under the special care of same Minister in connection with this Synod, under whose direction he may be allowed to preach and catechise.

SEC. 2. When an applicant is presented to Synod by one or more congregations, for ordination, he shall be examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments, and if the examination be satisfactory to the committee and the Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of the ministry by a committee appointed for that purpose—the ordination to be conducted according to our Liturgy.

SEC. 3. When an ordained Minister of any other religious denomination makes application to be received in connection with this Synod, he must be required to acknowledge the confessional basis of our Synod. The concurrence of two-thirds of the members of any regular meeting of Synod, shall be required, upon the reception of any ordained Minister, or a candidate for ordination.

ARTICLE VI.—*Order of Business in Synod.*

SEC. 1. At the time and place appointed for meeting, the members present shall assemble, and if five ordained Ministers and five lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 2. The first session shall be opened by the President, with suitable religious exercises; and in the absence of the President, the Secretary, or in the absence of both, by one of the older Ministers present. And eve-

ry successive session shall be opened and closed with singing and prayer.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall then call the Clerical Roll of this Synod, and note the absentees.

SEC. 4. The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

SEC. 5. The President shall read his Annual Report, as the last official act of his office, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year, the election then to take place.

SEC. 6. The admission of delegates from other eclesiastical bodies, and advisory members may be received.

SEC. 7. The Minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; and all papers and documents intended for this Synod, may be handed in, and verbal notice given of any important business, intended to be brought before Synod.

SEC. 8. If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, they may, by the President, be placed in the hands of a committee, to be classed and numbered according to the nature of their contents; however, if the number be small, the President may assort and appropriately refer them to any of the standing committees, which he may now appoint:

I. On the President's Report.
II. On unfinished business of last Synod.
III. On Treasurer's Report.
IV. On letters and petitions.
V. On examination of candidates for the Ministry.

As many special committees may be appointed as the exigencies of any case may require.

SEC. 9. The vacant congregations may be inquired into, and provision made for them.

The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals may be filled up by the succeeding items and promiscuous business.

SEC. 10. Each Minister in connection with this Synod, shall give in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any others the Synod may at any time require.

SEC. 11. Election of delegates to eclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod.

SEC. 12. The time and place of holding the next session of Synod; the place determined by ballot, and time by resolution.

SEC. 13. Should any of the officers of Synod be absent from Synod, they shall send their reports, with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. And in case of their absence during the sessions of the meeting, others may be chosen *pro tempore*.

SEC. 14. Any of the foregoing regulations may be altered or amended, at any regular sessions of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice of such amendment at the previous session of Synod.

SEC. 15. Dismission of Synod by the President, with appropriate religious service.

J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FORTY-SECOND

ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

Grace Church,

CATAWBA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

FROM 4th TO 7th OCTOBER, 1862.

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MINUTES.

Pursuant to a resolution the Evan. Lutheran Tenn. Synod met in its 42d annual convention in Grace Church, Catawba Co., N. C., on Saturday before the first Sunday of October, A. D, 1862.

Saturday and Sunday were devoted to religious services.

On Saturday a large congregation having assembled, the President, Rev. A. Efird, delivered the Synodical sermon from Mat. 3 : 16 17. After a recess he was followed by Rev. T. Moser, who preached from Heb. 12 : 1. At early candle lighting Rev. J. E. Seneker preached from Heb. 12 : 14.

At an early hour on Sunday, the religious services were resumed, and Rev. J. R. Peterson preached a sacramental sermon from Luke 22 : 19 20; immediately succeeding which confession and absolution were solemnized, and the Lord's Supper administered to a very large number of communicants.

After a recess, Rev. R. C. Henkel preached from 2 Pet. 1 : 2 4. The large and attentive audience was then dismissed with the Apostolic Benediction, seeming to have been deeply interested in, and impressed with, the solemn truths delivered them.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, and the exercises thereof introduced by him with appropriate religious services.

The clerical roll was called and the following were found to be present:

REV. H. GOODMAN,	Statesville,	N. C.
" A. J. FOX,	Lincolnton,	"
" C. G. REITZEL,	Flint Rock,	"
" P. C. HENKEL,	Newton,	"
" J. R. PETERSON,	Dallas,	"
" T. MOSER,	Taylorsville,	"
" A. EFIRD,	Lexington,	S. C.
" J. E. SENEKER,	Lexington,	N. C.
" J. M. SMITH,	Catawba Station,	"
" M. J. STIREWALT,	Sandy Creek,	"
" E. E. SMYRE,	"	"

APPLICANTS.

Messrs. C. E. FOX and L. A. FOX,

ABSENTEES.

REV. A. HENKEL,	New Market, Va.
" J. KILLIAM,	Waynesboro, "
" H. WETZEL,	Mt. Solon, "
" WM. HANCHER,	Mill Point, Tenn.
" J. R. MOSER,	Castor, Mo.
" J. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va,
" GEO. SCHMUCKER,	Upper Tract, Va.
" J. M. WAGNER,	Madison, Tenn.
" SOCRATES HENKEL,	New Market, Va.
" DANIEL EFIRD,	Countsville, S. C.
" C. MORETZ,	Rose Vale, N. C.
" I. CONDER,	Stevens' Mills, "

The following Brethren presented certificates of election as Lay Delegates to this Synod :

Rev. A. J. Fox's Charge,

MR. A. G. CORPENING,	Grace Church, Catawba Co., N. C.
" CEPHAS QUICKLE.	Daniels' " Lincoln " "
" A. COSTNER. ESQ.,	Salem, " " " "
" D. M. WYANT,	Trinity, " " " "
" JOS. HOUSER,	Bethpage " " " "

Rev. J, R. Peterson's Charge.

MR. SOLOMON SHRUM,	St. Luke's, Lincoln Co, N. C.
" E. A. RUDISILL,	St. Mark's ch. Gaston " "
" E. RHYNE,	Philadelphia, " " "
" SAMUEL JARRETT,	Christ's ch. " " "
DR. J. F. SMYRE,	Luthern Chapel, " " "

Rev. P. C. Henkel's Charge.

MR. D. E MILLER,	Miller's Church. Catawba Co., N. C.
" DANIEL MILLER,	St, Paul's " " " "
" MOSES HUIT,	Hass' " " " "
" FREDERICK SMITH,	St. John's " " " "
" ANDREW SIGMAN,	Luther's " Burk " "

Rev. H. Goodman's Charge.

MR. MICHAEL LINK,	Zion's Church, Catawba Co., N. C.

Rev. T. Moser's Charge.

MR. JOHN HEDICK,	Friendship Ch., Alexander Co., N. C.
" E. M. STINE,	Salem " " " "

Rev. J. M. Smith's Charge.

MR. F. R. SHOOK,	Shrum Church, Iredell Co., N. C.
" J. F. GOODMAN,	St. Martin's " " " "
" M. M. MOSER,	St. Peter's " " " "

Rev. E. E. Smyre's Charge.

MR. JOHN FINK,	Mt. Moriah, Rowan Co., N. C.

Rev. J. E. Seneker's Charge.

MR. GEO. W. HEDRICK,	Beck's Church, Davidson Co., N. C.
" HENRY DARR,	Pilgrim's " " " "
" ALLAN SEACHRIST,	Emanuel's " " " "
" GEO. BECK,	New Jerusalem, " " "

Rev. M. J. Stirewalt's Charge.

MR. D. D. FOX,	Melanchton's Ch , Randolph Co. N. C.

Vacant Charge

MR. J. E. CORPENING,	Cold Springs, Caldwell Co., N. C.

The President read the following report, viz:

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—Another ecclesiastical year has passed, and through the merciful kindness of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to assemble once more in Synodical Convention. The return of these annual meetings brings pleasures to our hearts and refreshments to our souls. Toiling from year to year in our Master's vineyard, at our respective posts of duty; we are here permitted, once a year to see each other, to press the hand of friendship and brotherly love:—to inquire after each other's welfare, to sympathize in each other's joys; as well as sorrows, to encourage each other to perseverance in our labors of love, and to unite our counsels and our prayers in devising means for the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Zion. Merged as we are, in a war of self defence, for the preservation of our religious, social and political liberties; a number of our clerical brethren, with lay delegates from their respective charges, have been prevented from being with us, and participating in our deliberations. And while this is so, and while we much regret the absence of our brethren, we look upon the cause in which our country is engaged, as being a just one, and in the hands of God, and if faithful to him, and to the country, we need have no fear as to the result. And though our country is most terribly scourged by this cruel and ungodly war, (in which the Church shares largely), and by which hundreds and thousands have been hurled into eternity, to await their final reward at the judgment seat of Christ, we should not be despondent, but with confidence, remember the promises and manifestations, the Lord has made to his people in granting them deliverance from the greatest afflictions, yet while we look upon the Lord as being on our side politically, and notwithstanding the success of our arms against a reckless foe; the losses, trials and bereavements experienced by our people more or less in all portions of our country, bring the conclusion that the Lord is holding a controversy with his people, and with all nations of the earth. Hence, as his children we should become more humble, penitent and believing, looking to him as our wisdom, righteousness and holiness. And as ministers of the gospel of peace, and as members of his

kingdom, we are loudly called to fulfill our duties to the Church whose interests are involved in this national calamity. And while rejoicing in the manifestations of God's power in our behalf politically, we should not fail properly to appreciate our spiritual and religious privileges. In faith, and with hearts of gratitude should we look to God, who is our power and our might; and invoke the aid of that Spirit which alone can direct us aright in all our deliberations, and bestow the grace we need to devise such measures as will promote the interests of the Church. And while we should bow submissively to the rod of affliction, we have much room to be thankful for divine favors. The past year has, upon the whole, brought its mercies as well as its chastisements. The lives of all our ministers have been spared. The fruits of the land, though perhaps less abundant than in previous years, affords a competency for our sustenance. The Lord has also blessed us with reasonable health, our congregations have been generally supplied with a stated ministry, and have been nourished by the gospel and other means of grace.

I have nothing of an official character to report. I have received but one document for the Synod, the minutes of the South Carolina Synod, which I will herewith present.

I have but few suggestions to make.

In reference to the anticipated or postponed convention of the Lutheran Church South, I would recommend that commissioners be continued to said convention.

And as the want of a religious newspaper is greatly felt by our people, I would recommend that if practicable our Synod do something in this direction. And I would also recommend that during the sitting of our Synod some time be set apart, especially, for humiliation and prayer, in behalf of our country, the protection of our southern arms, and a final deliverance from our present troubles.

In conclusion, I have only to say, as we have met to deliberate on subjects connected with the best interests of the Church, let us remember the Apostolic injunction, "*Be of one mind*, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

I now return to you the chair, with my sincere thanks for the confidence and forbearance exercised towards me, praying that the Great Head of the Church may direct you in the choice

of a presiding officer, and preserve peace and harmony in all your deliberations. Amen. A. EFIRD.

The above report was received, and referred to a committee.

Synod was now regularly organized by electing the following officers:

REV. T. MOSER, PRESIDENT,
" J. M. STIREWALT, SECRETARY,
" THOS. CROUSE, TREASURER.

Rev. Ingold, of the German Reformed Church, being present, was received as an advising member of Synod; also, applicant L. A. Fox.

On motion, Revs. J. M. Smith, E. E. Smyre, and Mr. M. M. Moser, were appointed as a committee to take charge of and classify the papers addressed to this body.

It being in order, the following subjects were proposed for discussion at some future time during the sessions of Synod, viz; 1st. Is it right and proper to baptize the children of Parents who are members of no church? 2nd. To what extent is it right to make ardent spirits? 3d. The propriety of uniformity in church customs.

Synod now took a recess, during which time Rev. T. Crouse preached from Tit. 2: 11 13.

NOTE.—The President, no doubt, was not apprized of the death of Rev. A. Costner.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod resumed business.

The committee to class Papers addressed to Synod reported.*

The excuses of absent brethren were now considered.

In view of our present political troubles, the brethren from Va., Tenn. and Missouri, whose presence under the circumstances was not expected, were unanimously excused for non-attendance.

The President now appointed the usual committees:

I. *On the President's Report*, Revs. J. M. Smith, J. E. Seneker and Messrs. Cephes Quickle and S. Jarrett.

II. *On Minutes of last Session*, Revs. T. Crouse, E. E. Smyre and Mr. J. E. Corpening.

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* This report is wanting; as it did not come into my possession, I could not give it.

III. *On Treasurer's Report*, Revs. P. C. Henkel, H. Goodman and Mr. G. W. Headrick.

IV. *On Papers addressed to Synod*, Revs. J. R. Peterson, A. Efird, A. G. Fox, A. Costner Esq., and Mr. John Fink.

V. *On Examination of Candidates for the Ministry*, Revs. J. R Peterson, T. Crouse, and A. Efird.

On motion a committee consisting of Revs. J. R. Peterson, T. Crouse, and E. E. Smyre, was appointed to report on the extent of the manufacture of spirituous liquors.

Pending a discussion on the subject of baptizing the children of those who are not members of any church, Synod adjourned. Closed by singing and prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.

Committee on minutes of last year reported as follows:

We, the committee appointed to report on minutes of last Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. On page 9, we find a committee appointed to present a plan to carry on Sunday-schools in our churches.

2nd. On the same page, we find that the committee to collect historical facts, in relation to the confessional basis of our Synod, was continued.

3d. On same page, we find that the committee to revise our Liturgy was continued.

4th. On page 10, we find that there was a delegate appointed to the Evan. Luth. Holston Synod.

5th. On page 10, we find commissioners were appointed to attend a convention of Lutheran Synods to meet in Salisbury in May last.

Respectfully submitted.

T. CROUSE,
E. E. SMYRE,
J. E. CORPENING.

On motion. this report was received, and considered item by item. In reference to item

1st., Said committee were unprepared to report.

In regard to item 2nd, there was no report.

In regard to item 3d, no report.

In regard to item 4th, no report.

In reference to item 5th.—Inasmuch as there was no convention, commissioners did not attend.

Committee on papers addressed to this body, now reported as follows:

We, the committee appointed to report upon letters and petitions, beg leave to submit the following:

No. 1, Is a petition from Hasse's church, Catawba co., N. C., in which the petitioners pray that no change be made in our Synodical Constitution, unless done as provided for by the ratifying clause of said instrument. They also express their dissatisfaction with the By-Laws and Rules of Order adopted by the last meeting of Synod, and ask that they be rescinded, and they also pray that no changes be made in the rules and regulations of Synod without affording the congregation an opportunity of considering the contemplated change; and they also admonish the Synod to avoid all connection with a contemplated General Synod of the Lutheran church in the Confederate States.

Nos. 2, 3 and 4, are petitions from St. John's, St. Paul's and Zion's churches, Catawba co., of similar import with No. 1; with the addition that Nos. 2 and 3, pray for the examination and ordination of br. D. E. Fox to the grade of Deacon.

No. 5 is a memorial from New Jerusalem church, Davidson co., N. C., protesting against any union of this Synod with a contemplated General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the Confederate States.

No. 6 and 7, are petitions from Mt. Moriah and Phanuel's churches, Rowan co., N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of br. L. A. Fox, to the order of Deacon.

Nos. 8 and 9, are petitions, from Emanuel's church, Union co., and Cold Springs, Caldwell co., N. C., calling for the examination and ordination of br. L. A. Fox. No. 9 also calls for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON.
A. J. FOX,
A. EFIRD,
A. COSTNER,
JOHN FINK.

On motion, this report was received and considered item by item.

In reference to item 1st, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, there seems to be some dissatisfaction with the By-Laws and regulations of the Synod, which were adopted at

its last session, and though it is probable, with certain amendments, that a majority of members of Synod are favorable to said Rules and regulations; yet as we are desirous of cultivating feelings of friendship, brotherly love and harmony among each other as brethren of the same household of faith. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That such probable majority hereby yield their preferences, and that such By-Laws and Rules of Order be rescinded.

In reference to item 2nd, Revs. Fox, Smyre and Efird were excused as commissioners to Convention at Salisbury, N. C.

In reference to item 3d, Mr. D. E. Fox did not submit to an examination for ordination.

In reference to item 4th, Mr. L. A. Fox declined an examination for ordination.

The Committee on the President's Report submitted the following:

We, the Committee appointed to report on the President's Report, beg leave to submit the following: In this Report, we find the following items:

1st. The reception by the President the Minutes of the South Carolina Synod.

2nd. That he recommends the continuation of commissioners to the postponed Convention of the Lutheran Synods South.

3d. That something be done to secure a religious newspaper for our people.

4th. That a time be appointed for humiliation and prayer in behalf of our country, the protection of our Southern armies, &c. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. SMITH,
J. E. SENEKER.
S. JARRETT.
CEPHUS QUICKLE.

The President's Report was now considered, and was regarded as containing nothing which demanded the action of Synod.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report submitted the following:

We, your Committee appointed to settle with our former

Treasurer, beg leave to submit the following report: After a careful examination, we find in the hands of former Treasurer the sum of $48.22. Respectfully submitted.

P. C. HENKLE,
H. GOODMAN,
G. W. HEADRICK.

Whereas, Mr. D. E. Fox made application for a license to preach, it was

Resolved, That Rev. P. C. Henkle be appointed to examine him as to his qualifications, and if found qualified to license him.

On motion, Rev. J. R. Peterson was appointed to return an expression of thanks, in behalf of this Synod, to the people of this community, for their kindness and hospitality, manifested towards us during our stay among them.

The Committee appointed to report on the extent of the manufacture of spirituous liquors, submitted their report, and after some discussion, it was rejected, and the following was received as a substitute, viz:

Whereas, Synod has been called upon to give an expression of opinion on the subject of the manufacture of ardent spirits by church members;

Therefore, in view of the great quantity, and the great abuse of its manufacture, and the great reproach it brings on the christian church, when made by church members; we being in Synod assembled, and being only an advisory body, would earnestly advise the brethren in connection with this Synod, to discontinue the manufacture and the traffic in ardent spirits as being inconsistent with a christian life.

On motion, the minutes are to be printed, and three copies sent to each minister.

On motion, when Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet in St. John's Church, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday before the Third Sunday of October, 1863.

At this period, the Rev. M. J. Stirewalt resigned his Secretaryship, and Rev. P. C. Henkle was appointed to prepare the minutes for the press.

The Rev. J. R. Peterson was called upon to give an expression of thanks in behalf of this Synod, to the people of

this community, for their kindness and hospitality manifested towards us, during our stay among them.

Synod then adjourned, (to meet as above indicated,) with singing, and prayer by Rev. T. Moser.

As I was appointed to prepare the Minutes for the press, and as the manuscript came into my hands in part, as disconnected fragments, and also a part entirely wanting, I consider it due to myself to state, that I did the best I could to get it into intelligible form; but under existing circumstances, I felt myself bound to record every thing as near as possible in the form in which it came into my hands, and the consequence is, it must appear before the public accompanied with many inaccuracies, and also, in many places, obscure in sense. And as the Secretary failed to give notice of three sermons preached during Synod, and as I did not hear the sermon on Sunday evening, and do not recollect the texts of the other two, I will simply state that Revs. J. M. Stirewalt preached on Sunday evening, E. E. Smyre on Monday evening, and J. M. Smith Tuesday, 12 o'clock.

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FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

Synod was called to order by the President, and the exercises thereof introduced by him with appropriate religious services.

The clerical roll was called and the following were found to be present:

REV. H. GOODMAN,	Statesville,	N. C.
" A. J. FOX,	Lincolnton,	"
" C. G. REITZEL,	Flint Rock,	"
" P. C. HENKEL,	Newton,	"
" J. R. PETERSON,	Dallas,	"
" T. MOSER,	Taylorsville,	"
" A. EFIRD,	Lexington,	S, C.
" J. E. SENEKER,	Lexington,	N. C.
" J. M. SMITH,	Catawba Station,	"
" M. J. STIREWALT,	Sandy Creek,	"
" E. E. SMYRE,	"	"

APPLICANTS.

Messrs. C. E. FOX and L. A. FOX,

ABSENTEES.

REV. A. HENKEL,	New Market, Va.
" J. KILLIAM,	Waynesboro, "
" H. WETZEL,	Mt. Solon, "
" WM. HANCHER,	Mill Point, Tenn.
" J. R. MOSER,	Castor, Mo.
" J. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va,
" GEO. SCHMUCKER,	Upper Tract, Va.
" J. M. WAGNER,	Madison, Tenn.
" SOCRATES HENKEL,	New Market, Va.
" DANIEL EFIRD,	Countsville, S. C.
" C. MORETZ,	Rose Vale, N. C.
" I. CONDER,	Stevens' Mills, "

The following Brethren presented certificates of election as Lay Delegates to this Synod :

Rev. A. J. Fox's Charge,

MR. A. G. CORPENING,	Grace Church, Catawba Co., N. C.
" CEPHAS QUICKLE.	Daniels' " Lincoln " "
" A. COSTNER. ESQ.,	Salem, " " " "
" D. M. WYANT,	Trinity, " " " "
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MR. SOLOMON SHRUM,	St. Luke's, Lincoln Co, N. C.
" E. A. RUDISILL,	St. Mark's ch. Gaston " "
" E. RHYNE,	Philadelphia, " " "
" SAMUEL JARRETT,	Christ's ch. " " "
DR. J. F. SMYRE,	Luthern Chapel, " " "

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MR. D. E MILLER,	Miller's Church. Catawba Co., N. C.
" DANIEL MILLER,	St, Paul's " " " "
" MOSES HUIT,	Hass' " " " "
" FREDERICK SMITH,	St. John's " " " "
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MR. JOHN HEDICK,	Friendshlp Ch., Alexander Co., N. C.
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MR. F. R. SHOOK,	Shrum Church, Iredell Co., N. C.
" J. F. GOODMAN,	St. Martin's " " " "
" M. M. MOSER,	St. Peter's " " " "

Rev. E. E. Smyre's Charge.

MR. JOHN FINK,	Mt. Moriah, Rowan Co., N. C.

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" HENRY DARR,	Pilgrim's " " " "
" ALLAN SEACHRIST,	Emanuel's " " " "
" GEO. BECK,	New Jerusalem, " " "

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MR. D. D. FOX,	Melanchton's Ch , Randolph Co. N. C.

Vacant Charge

MR. J. E. CORPENING,	Cold Springs, Caldwell Co., N. C.

The President read the following report, viz:

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—Another ecclesiastical year has passed, and through the merciful kindness uf our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to assemble once more in Synodical Convention. The return of these annual meetings brings pleasures to our hearts and refreshments to our souls. Toiling from year io year in our Master's vineyard, at our respective posts of duty; we are here permitted, once a year to see each other, to press the hand of friendship and brotherly love:—to inquire after each other's welfare, to sympathize in each other's joys; as well as sorrows, to encourage each other to perseverance in our labors of love, and to unite our counsels and our prayers in devising means for the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Zion. Merged as we are, in a war of self defence, for the preservation of our religious, social and political liberties; a number of our clerical brethren, with lay delegates from their respective charges, have been prevented from being with us, and participating in our deliberations. And while this is so, and while we much regret the absence of our brethren, we look upon the cause in which our country is engaged, as being a just one, and in the hands of God, and if faithful to him, and to the country, we need have no fear as to the resul[illegible] and though our country is most terribly scourged by this cruel and ungodly war, (in which the Church shares largely), an[illegible] which hundreds and thousands have been hurled into eternity, to await their final reward at the judgment seat of Christ, we should not be despondent, but with confidence, remember the promises and manifestations, the Lord has made to his people in granting them deliverance from the greatest afflictions, yet while we look upon the Lord as being on our side politically, and notwithstanding the success of our arms against a reckless foe; the losses, trials and bereavements experienced by our people more or less in all portions of our country, bring us conclusion that the Lord is holding a controversy with his people, and with all nations of the earth. Hence, as his children we should become more humble, penitent and believing, looking to him as our wisdom, righteousness and holiness. And as ministers of the gospel of peace, and as members of his

kingdom, we are loudly called to fulfill our duties to the Church whose interests are involved in this national calamity. And while rejoicing in the manifestations of God's power in our behalf politically, we should not fail properly to appreciate our spiritual and religious privileges. In faith, and with hearts of gratitude should we look to God, who is our power and our might; and invoke the aid of that Spirit which alone can direct us aright in all our deliberations, and bestow the grace we need to devise such measures as will promote the interests of the Church. And while we should bow submissively to the rod of affliction, we have much room to be thankful for divine favors. The past year has, upon the whole, brought its mercies as well as its chastisements. The lives of all our ministers have been spared. The fruits of the land, though perhaps less abundant than in previous years, affords a competency for our sustenance. The Lord has also blessed us with reasonable health, our congregations have been generally supplied with a stated ministry, and have been nourished by the gospel and other means of grace.

I have nothing of an official character to report. I have received but one document for the Synod, the minutes of the South Carolina Synod, which I will herewith present.

I have but few suggestions to make.

In reference to the anticipated or postponed convention of the Lutheran Church South, I would recommend that commissioners be continued to said convention.

And as the want of a religious newspaper is greatly felt by our people, I would recommend that if practicable our Synod do something in this direction. And I would also recommend that during the sitting of our Synod some time be set apart, especially, for humiliation and prayer, in behalf of our country, the protection of our southern arms, and a final deliverance from our present troubles.

In conclusion, I have only to say, as we have met to deliberate on subjects connected with the best interests of the Church, let us remember the Apostolic injunction, "*Be of one mind*, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

I now return to you the chair, with my sincere thanks for the confidence and forbearance exercised towards me, praying that the Great Head of the Church may direct you in the choice

of a presiding officer, and preserve peace and harmony in all your deliberations. Amen. A. EFIRD.

The above report was received, and referred to a committee.

Synod was now regularly organized by electing the following officers:

REV. T. MOSER, PRESIDENT,
" J. M. STIREWALT, SECRETARY,
" THOS. CROUSE, TREASURER.

Rev. Ingold, of the German Reformed Church, being present, was received as an advising member of Synod; also, applicant L. A. Fox.

On motion, Revs. J. M. Smith, E. E. Smyre, and Mr. M. M. Moser, were appointed as a committee to take charge of and classify the papers addressed to this body.

It being in order, the following subjects were proposed for discussion at some future time during the sessions of Synod, viz; 1st. Is it right and proper to baptize the children of Parents who are members of no church? 2nd. To what extent is it right to make ardent spirits? 3d. The propriety of uniformity in church customs.

Synod now took a recess, during which time Rev. T. Crouse preached from Tit. 2: 11 13.

NOTE.—The President, no doubt, was not apprized of the death of Rev. A. Costner.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod resumed business.

The committee to class Papers addressed to Synod reported.*

The excuses of absent brethren were now considered.

In view of our present political troubles, the brethren from Va., Tenn. and Missouri, whose presence under the circumstances was not expected, were unanimously excused for non-attendance.

The President now appointed the usual committees:

I. *On the President's Report*, Revs. J. M. Smith, J. E. Seneker and Messrs. Cephes Quickle and S. Jarrett.

II. *On Minutes of last Session*, Revs. T. Crouse, E. E. Smyre and Mr. J. E. Corpening.

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* This report is wanting; as it did not come into my possession, I could not give it.

III. *On Treasurer's Report*, Revs. P. C. Henkel, H. Goodman and Mr. G. W. Headrick.

IV. *On Papers addressed to Synod*, Revs. J. R. Peterson, A. Efird, A. G. Fox, A. Costner Esq., and Mr. John Fink.

V. *On Examination of Candidates for the Ministry*, Revs. J. R Peterson, T. Crouse, and A. Efird.

On motion a committee consisting of Revs. J. R. Peterson, T. Crouse, and E. E. Smyre, was appointed to report on the extent of the manufacture of spirituous liquors.

Pending a discussion on the subject of baptizing the children of those who are not members of any church, Synod adjourned. Closed by singing and prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.

Committee on minutes of last year reported as follows:

We, the committee appointed to report on minutes of last Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. On page 9, we find a committee appointed to present a plan to carry on Sunday-schools in our churches.

2nd. On the same page, we find that the committee to collect historical facts, in relation to the confessional basis of our Synod, was continued.

3d. On same page, we find that the committee to revise our Liturgy was continued.

4th. On page 10, we find that there was a delegate appointed to the Evan. Luth Holston Synod.

5th. On page 10, we find commissioners were appointed to attend a convention of Lutheran Synods to meet in Salisbury in May last.

Respectfully submitted.

T. CROUSE,
E. E. SMYRE,
J. E. CORPENING.

On motion. this report was received, and considered item by item. In reference to item

1st., Said committee were unprepared to report.

In regard to item 2nd, there was no report.

In regard to item 3d, no report.

In regard to item 4th, no report.

In reference to item 5th.—Inasmuch as there was no convention, commissioners did not attend.

Committee on papers addressed to this body, now reported as follows:

We, the committee appointed to report upon letters and petitions, beg leave to submit the following:

No. 1, Is a petition from Hasse's church, Catawba co., N. C., in which the petitioners pray that no change be made in our Synodical Constitution, unless done as provided for by the ratifying clause of said instrument. They also express their dissatisfaction with the By-Laws and Rules of Order adopted by the last meeting of Synod, and ask that they be rescinded, and they also pray that no changes be made in the rules and regulations of Synod without affording the congregation an opportunity of considering the contemplated change; and they also admonish the Synod to avoid all connection with a contemplated General Synod of the Lutheran church in the Confederate States.

Nos. 2, 3 and 4, are petitions from St. John's, St. Paul's and Zion's churches, Catawba co., of similar import with No. 1; with the addition that Nos. 2 and 3, pray for the examination and ordination of br. D. E. Fox to the grade of Deacon.

No. 5 is a memorial from New Jerusalem church, Davidson co., N. C., protesting against any union of this Synod with a contemplated General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the Confederate States.

No. 6 and 7, are petitions from Mt. Moriah and Phanuel's churches, Rowan co., N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of br. L. A. Fox, to the order of Deacon.

Nos. 8 and 9, are petitions, from Emanuel's church, Union co., and Cold Springs, Caldwell co., N. C., calling for the examination and ordination of br. L. A. Fox. No. 9 also calls for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON.
A. J. FOX,
A. EFIRD,
A. COSTNER,
JOHN FINK.

On motion, this report was received and considered item by item.

In reference to item 1st, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, there seems to be some dissatisfaction with the By-Laws and regulations of the Synod, which were adopted at

its last session, and though it is probable, with certain amendments, that a majority of members of Synod are favorable to said Rules and regulations; yet as we are desirous of cultivating feelings of friendship, brotherly love and harmony among each other as brethren of the same household of faith. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That such probable majority hereby yield their preferences, and that such By-Laws and Rules of Order be rescinded.

In reference to item 2nd, Revs. Fox, Smyre and Efird were excused as commissioners to Convention at Salisbury, N. C.

In reference to item 3d, Mr. D. E. Fox did not submit to an examination for ordination.

In reference to item 4th, Mr. L. A. Fox declined an examination for ordination.

The Committee on the President's Report submitted the following:

We, the Committee appointed to report on the President's Report, beg leave to submit the following: In this Report, we find the following items:

1st. The reception by the President the Minutes of the South Carolina Synod.

2nd. That he recommends the continuation of commissioners to the postponed Convention of the Lutheran Synods South.

3d. That something be done to secure a religious newspaper for our people.

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J. M. SMITH,
J. E. SENEKER.
S. JARRETT.
CEPHUS QUICKLE.

The President's Report was now considered, and was regarded as containing nothing which demanded the action of Synod.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report submitted the following:

We, your Committee appointed to settle with our former

Treasurer, beg leave to submit the following report: After a careful examination, we find in the hands of former Treasurer the sum of $18 22. Respectfully submitted.

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Whereas, Mr. D. E. Fox made application for a license to preach, it was

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" P. C. HENKEL,	4	620	41	6	9	160	43
" T. MOSER,	2	...	..	.	.	..	..
" J. M. SMITH,	3	350	27	0	2	19	59
" D. E. FOX,	1	..	20	0	2	..	..
" M. J. STIREWALT,	3	200	20	0	0	..	..

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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SYNOD.

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Evan. Luth. Tenn. Synod, will convene in St. Mark's, Gaston county, N. C. on Saturday before the second Sunday in October; and the extra session of Synod will convene in Zion church, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, 1864.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINUTES.

St. John's church,	$10 00	St. Luke's church,	2 25
Millar's do	10 00	Lutheran Chapel ch.	2 25
St. Paul's do	10 00	Philadelphia church,	5 00
Hoss' do	12 00	Christ's do	2 00
Sharon do	5 00	Rev. A. Efird,	5 00
St. Martin's do	10 00	" H. Goodman,	15 00
St. Peter's do	10 00	" I. Conder,	16 00
Zion's do	2 25	" P. C. Henkel,	15 00
St. Daniel's do	1 00	" J. M. Smith,	3 00
Trinity do	1 25	" T. Moser,	2 00
Grace do	5 00	" J. R. Peterson,	1 00
Salem do	5 00	" A. J. Fox,	75
Friendship do	2 50	" M. J. Stirewalt,	2 00
Salem do	2 50	Mr. M. Isenhour,	1 00
St. Mark's do	6 00	Mr. Daniel Moretz,	5 00

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MINUTES

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

SATURDAY, Oct. 17, 1863.

PURSUANT to a resolution of its last meeting, this body convened in St. John's church, Catawba county, N. C. A sermon was preached by Rev. H. Goodman, from Gal. iii, 13. After a short intermission, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt preached a sermon from Heb ii, 1—4.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

A large assembly being convened, the exercises were opened by Rev. C. Moretz, who preached from St. John xii, 21. After a short recess, Rev. A. J. Fox preached from Rev. ii, 7. After this the Lord's Supper was administered. A feeling of interest and devotion pervaded the people.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 19, A. M.

Synod met, was opened by prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson. The roll was called, absentees noted, and certificates of lay-delegates handed in.

The following is a list of the ministers and lay-delegates of this body:

Ordained Ministers.	*Post-Office.*
1. Rev. A. Henkel,*	New-Market, Va.
2. " H. Goodman,	Statesville, N. C.
3. " J. Killian,*	Waynesboro', Va.
4. " J. Stirewalt,*	New-Market, Va.
5. " H. Wetzel,*	———
6. " J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, N. C.
7. " A. Efird,†	Lexington, S. C.
8. " S. Henkel,*	New-Market, Va.
9. " George Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Va.

Ordained Ministers.	*Post-Office.*
10. Rev. A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, N. C.
11. " J. R. Moser,*	Castor, Mo.
12. " C. J. Rietzel,	Flint Rock, N. C.
13. " P. C. Henkel,	Newton, N. C.
14. " T. Moser,	Taylorsville, N. C.
15. " J. M. Wagner,*	———
16. " T. Crouce,†	Sandy Creek, N. C.
17. " D. Efird,†	Countsville, S. C.
18. " C. Moretz,	Taylorsville, N. C.
19. " J. E. Seneker,†	———
20. " J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N. C.
21. " M. J. Stirewalt,	Statesville, N. C.
22. " E. E. Smyre,†	Newton, N. C.
23. " I. Conder,	Lexington, N. C.
Licentiates.	
24. Rev. L. A. Fox,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
25. " D. E. Fox,	Newton, N. C.

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.

Lay-Delegates.

L. Delinger,	St. John's, N. C.	D. Miller,	Miller's, N. C.
Paul Setzer,	Hause's, "	M. Harmon,	St. Paul's, "
Eli Sigman,	St. Peter's "	J. F. Goodman,	St. Martin's "
S. Bost,	Sharon, "	M. Link,	Zion's, "
J. Little,	Friendship, "	W. Laws,	Salem, "
T. Young, (Beck's)	New Jerusalem.	H. Cansler,	Grace, "
A. A. Brown,	Salem, N. C.	M. H. Rhyne,	Luther Chapel, "
J. F. Plonk,	Philadelphia, "	D. Moretz,	Jackson's, "

Synod now held an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. J. R. PETERSON, *President*,
" J. M. SMITH, *Secretary*,
" M. J. STIREWALT, *Treasurer*.

Papers and letters for Synod were handed in. The President then appointed the following

Committees:

I. *To number and class Letters and Papers:* R. C. Moretz, Mr. J. F. Goodman.

II. *On Unfinished Business:* Rev. A. J. Fox, Mr. S. Bost.

III. *On Treasurer's Report:* Revs. H. Goodman and P. C. Henkel, Mr. A. A. Brown.

IV. *On Minutes of other Synods:* Rev. A. J. Fox, C. Moretz, and Mr. M. H. Rhyne.

V. *On Letters and Petitions:* Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, I. Conder, and Mr. T. Young.

Rev. H. Goodman now gave notice, that at a suitable time, he would

call the attention of Synod to the importance of performing missionary labors in the army.

Notice was also given that at an early period, the revised constitution, laid on the table in 1860, would be brought before Synod.

After an exchange of views on that subject, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to bring before Synod the revised Constitution: Revs. P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox, M. J. Stirewalt, Messrs. W. Laws and J. F. Plonk, were appointed.

Synod now adjourned, till after sermon, which was preached by Rev. I. Conder, Isa. lxi, 10.

MONDAY, P. M.

Synod resumed business. Committee No. I, returned the papers, classed and numbered. Committee No. III, submitted the following

REPORT: We, your commmittee, to settle with former Treasurer, after a careful examination, find in his hand the sum of forty-one dollars.

Revs. GOODMAN & HENKEL,
Mr. A. A. BROWN.

Now the subject of army missions was taken up, and it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to propose a plan of operations for army missions. Revs. Fox, Henkel, Goodman, committee.

Applicants, L. A. and D. E. Fox, being present, were invited to a seat as advisory members.

Excuses of Ministers for non-attendance were now called for; but the day being spent, this business was delayed till to-morrow.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow.

TUESDAY, A. M.

Synod met—was opened with suitable exercises by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt. The roll was called. Minutes were read, received and confirmed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Virginia brethren, Revs. A. Henkel, S. Henkel, J. Killian, J. Stirewalt, Geo. Schmucker and H. Wetzel be excused; also, J. R. Moser and J. M. Wagner. *That*, Revs. T. Crouse, A. and D. Efird and E. E. Smyre, be not excused.

Rev. T. Moser was excused.

Committee No. II, now submitted the following

REPORT: 1st. On page 8, we find the committee on Sunday Schools made no report. Is that committee prepared to report?

2d. On the same page, we find that the committe to collect historical facts in relation to the Confessional basis of our Synod, made no report. Is that committee prepared to report?

3d. On the same page we find that the committee appointed to revise our Liturgy made no report. Is that committee prepared?

4th. On page 11, we find that P. C. Henkel was appointed to examine, and if found qualified, to license Mr. D. E. Fox. Was this done?

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX,
I. CONDER.

Resolved, That this report be received and considered by items.

Item 1st. That committee is discharged.
Item 2d. That committee is discharged.
Item 3d. That committee is continued.
Item 4th. Rev. P. C. Henkel licensed D. E. Fox.

Committee No. IV, was called upon and presented the following

REPORT: We, your committee on Minutes of other Synods, find in our hands the minutes of the Evan. Lutheran Holston Synod, in which we find, that Rev. J. Barb was appointed delegate to our Synod, and regret he is not with us. We are, however, gratified to learn that our Holston brethren are permanently organized by the adoption of an appropriate constitution.

No. 2—Is a copy of the minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod & Ministerium of S. C. and adjacent States, of the 29th of Oct., 1862. We find nothing in these relative to our synod.

No. 3—Are the minutes of the Evan. Luth. Synod of Va., Oct. 23—26, 1862. There is nothing in these that requires the action of our synod.

No. 4—Are the proceedings of the Evangel. Lutheran Synod of N. C. Nothing in these requiring our action.

No. 5—Is a copy of the twenty-first session of the Evan. Luth. Synod of Western Va., and adjacent parts. They contain nothing that requires our action. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
C. MORETZ,
M. H. RHYNE.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox represent this Synod as delegate to the next session of the Holston Synod.

Committee No. V, made the following

REPORT: We, your committee to report on letters and petitions addressed to this Synod, submit the following:

No. 1—Is a petition from Jackson's church, Watauga county, N. C., returning thanks for services rendered them by Revs. T. Moser, C. Moretz, and D. E. Fox, and praying for the continuance of Rev. D. E. Fox's license, authorizing him to preach, catechise and baptize. They also desire the appointment of a committee to examine and ordain him pastor, if he desires. They also desire a discussion, and an expression, on certain important controverted points of doctrine.

No. 2—Is a petition and memorial from Zion church, Catawba county, N. C., in which the services of Rev. H. Goodman are desired to be continued. They also pray Synod to define whether the different denominations have the church or not, and also to show whether it is proper to say they have the church. They also pray that the next session of Synod be held in their church.

No. 3—Is a petition from Emanuel's church, Union county, N. C., desiring the continuation of the services of brother L. A. Fox, and praying that he be examined, and if found qualified, that he be ordained Pastor.

Nos. 4 & 5—Are petitions from Morning Star church, Mecklenburg co. N. C., and Bethlehem church, S. C., of similar import.

In reference to the questions presented for discussion to this body, in items 1 & 2 of this report, your committee recommend that said petitions be read before Synod. Respectfully submitted,

M. J. STIREWALT,
I. CONDER,
THOS. YOUNG.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That this report now be considered by items.

As to item 1st—It was resolved that a committee be appointed to give an expression of those controverted points of doctrine to next synod.

Committee—P. C. Henkel, M. J. Stirewalt, T. Moser.

Item 2d—It was resolved that a committee be appointed to give expression to that petition at next synod.

Committee—A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, C. Moretz.

Item 3d—Was disposed of at the request of L. A. and D. E. Fox, by continuing them as Licentiates.

Resolved, That brothers L. A. and D. E. Fox, be empowered by synod, under special cases, to confirm to the church.

Synod now adjourned until after sermon, which was delivered by Rev. J. R. Peterson, from Mat. xxii, 1—14.

TUESDAY, P. M.

Business was resumed.

At this period Rev T. Moser arrived and took his seat amongst us.

The committee to bring up the revised Constitution for the consideration of this body, handed in the following

REPORT: *Whereas*, it was made our duty to prepare and submit to synod a suitable plan for the revision of the Constitution of synod, we your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

That a session of synod convene at Zion church, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in March, 1864, at which time it is contemplated to consider the propriety or impropriety of adopting the Constitution submitted to synod at her session in 1860, with such suitable amendments as may be agreed upon, which shall then be printed and submitted to the different congregations, in connection with the Tennessee synod for their approval, amendment or rejection.

We, the ministers and lay-delegates of the present synod, unanimously and most earnestly entreat the ministers and congregations, not represented in the present session of synod, seriously to consider this matter, and such *ministers* to be present, and such *congregations* to be represented, each, by one lay-delegate. Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
M. J. STIREWALT,
W. LAWS,
J. F. PLONK.

This report was received and adopted.

The committee, to propose a plan to carry on Missionary labors in the army, made the following

REPORT: *Whereas*, this Synod is fully aware of the great necessity of doing something to supply our own soldiers in the Confederate Army with the preaching of the Gospel by our ministers,

1st. *Resolved*, That we establish an Army Mission in the following manner: Let as many ministers in connection with this synod as will subscribe

this resolution, be obligated to perform missionary labors in the Confederate army, for the period of one month in each year, if our funds and the situation of the army will permit.

2d. *Resolved*, That two ministers go at the same time, and that in rotation, being chosen by lot at each annual meeting of synod.

3d. *Resolved*, That their expenses, at least, be defrayed by donations obtained from the congregations by solicitation.

4th. *Resolved*, That those ministers, having performed such missionary visits as herein required, shall make a return of their traveling expenses to a Treasurer hereinafter provided, who shall pay said expenses out of the funds he may have in hands for said purpose.

5th. *Resolved*, That a Treasurer be appointed whose duty it shall be to receive such money as may be collected for the purpose herein stated.

6th. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the ministers, associated with this enterprise, to take up collections in their several congregations, semi-annually; and that they forward said collections to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
H. GOODMAN,
J. F. PLONK.

This report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That Synod appoint a Treasurer to hold the funds for this Army Mission.

Moses Harmon was chosen, whose address is Newton, N. C.

Resolved, That Rev. P. C. Henkel, act as Corresponding Secretary with the army and our ministers, to gather and give information as to where our brethren may be found in the army.

Our brethren in the army will give note to this, and communicate their whereabouts to Rev. P. C. Henkel, Newton, N. C.

It was now

Resolved, That 1500 copies of our Minutes be printed, and that an essay, viz: "*A few Fragments on Regeneration*," by the late Rev. David Henkel, be appended.

Synod now adjourned till to-morrow morning.

LAST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, A. M.

Synod was opened by Rev. T. Moser, by singing and prayer. The roll was called, and the Minutes read and adopted.

A call was now made for young men desiring to be taken under care of Synod as students of Theology, when D. S. Henkel and D. A. Goodman made application.

A committee, (T. Moser, I. Conder, Eli Sigman,) was appointed to confer with these young men, as to their morals and motives.

The committee returned with a favorable report, and these young men were taken under care of Synod.

Resolved, That the next regular annual meeting of Synod be held in St.

Mark's church, Gaston county, N. C., to convene on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1864.

Parochial reports were handed in. *Vide* 2d page.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. R. Peterson return a vote of thanks to this vicinity for their hospitality.

Resolved, That Revs. T. Moser, M. J. Stirewalt, and J. M. Smith, be a committee to examine and license applicants for the Ministry.

Synod now adjourned till after sermon, which was preached by Rev. L. A. Fox, from Isaiah iii, 10. After this discourse, the President returned a vote of thanks, and, by singing and prayer, adjourned the Synod to meet at the time and place appointed.

J. M. SMITH, *Secretary.*

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A TREATISE,

OR A FEW

FRAGMENTS ON REGENERATION,

BY DAVID HENKEL.

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FRAGMENT I.

Regeneration relates us to God, so that we are his children. We are made his children by faith, by which Christ's righteousness is imputed. The difference between an imputed righteousness and holiness, and righteous and holy principles implanted in our hearts, shewn.

BY NATURE we are "without Christ, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, we have no hope, and are without God in the world." Eph. ii, 12. In this state we are truly miserable, for without God there is no substantial happiness. In order to obtain such happiness, we must sustain a new relation to God, and become his children. By our natural birth we have Adam's nature, which is defiled with sin, Rom. v, 12, and thus are destitute of righteousness and holiness. Being transgressors, we are under the curse of the law; judgment has been passed upon us unto condemnation. Rom. v, 18. Condemned by the law, we are by no means entitled to receive the gifts of the Spirit, which might arrest our wicked desires in their pernicious progress, and restore new and holy principles. Before this can take place we must be made children, so that we may be heirs; but a child pre-supposes a birth; hence to become a child of God, and to be born again, are phrases of a synonymous import.

But are we not the children of God by creation? are we not his offspring? Acts xvii, 28, 29. It must be admitted, that although we are fallen creatures; nevertheless God is our creator and preserver, and are possessed of the faculty of reason, and are thus superior to the brute creation. Our reasoning faculty is susceptible of receiving illumination from

God: for otherwise a divine revelation would be utterly useless to us.—This shews that a vestige of God's image, in which man was first created, still remains. God possesses a supreme reason, or an infinite understanding and wisdom. Man, therefore, even in his fallen state, possessing a rational faculty, imitates his creator, and is thus his offspring. We indeed have the faculty of reason or the eyes of an understanding, but cannot see without a light from heaven, of which we are destitute by nature. St. Paul says to the Ephesians: "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." Eph i, 18. Thus it is evident that the Ephesians had eyes of an understanding, even in a state of nature; otherwise they could not have been enlightened, and they surely were the workmanship of God. It would not have been possible for man either to have acted holy, or to have sinned, had he not possessed a reasoning faculty and moral liberty. For it would be no virtue in a being never to do wrong, if it were impossible to act otherwise. Virtue consists in delighting in, and choosing to act according to moral rectitude. But if it were impossible to do wrong, then there could be no choice in acting right; hence there could be no righteous actions, because such must proceed from a free choice. Man having done wrong, proves that he could have done right, and consequently that he yet possesses the faculty of reason, though directed opposite to the law.

Indeed our nature, since the fall, is inclined to sin; yet it is not sin itself: for if it were it could not be the creation of God; for he is holy; hence cannot be the creator of sin. The Son of God took human nature upon himself. Heb. ii, 14–18. He even in his incarnate state is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, ch vii, 26; therefore human nature cannot be sin itself. Thus it may properly be said that we are God's children by creation, and retain yet a vestige of his image; but in so far as we have sinned, we are by no means like him; hence not his children in this respect; for we are under condemnation, destitute of wisdom, righteousness and holiness. A new birth therefore is necessary; so that we might be justified, and becoming heirs of God, we might receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit sanctifying our nature. We are God's children, or born again by faith: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. iii, 26 "But to as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name." John i, 12. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God." 1 John v, 1. We become God's children by faith, because by it the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us. The righteousness of God was imputed to Abraham by faith, which also is imputed to us if we believe. Rom. iv, 13–24. When another person's actions, whether they be good or evil, are ascribed to me; so that I become a partaker thereof, it is called an imputation. The apostle St. John says, that whosoever bids a heretic God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. 2 Epist. v, 10, 11. Another person's deeds are imputed to me, when I acquiesce in, or sanction the same. But from the texts already quoted, it is evident that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us by faith. If his righteousness is imputed to us, then we are righteous, not for the sake of any merit in us, or any holy principles implanted in our hearts: for the righteousness is that of another being. That God is the righteousness of his people, is evident from the following texts: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be

called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jer xxiii, 5, 6. In the Messiah Judah shall be saved, and Israel dwell safely, and his name shall be the Lord our righteousness. Thus the Lord Jesus is the righteousness of his people. "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall *one* say, In the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory." Isa. xlv, 22–25. The Lord to whom every knee shall bow and every tongue shall swear, is Jesus Christ in his mediatorial character. See Rom. xiv, 11; Phil. ii, 9–11. All tongues swearing to Jesus, and saying in the Lord have I righteousness and strength, and that all the seed of Israel shall be justified in him, and glory, proves that man is justified by an imputed righteousness. See also 1 Cor. i, 30, 31.

When a rational creature possesses upright principles, and acts according to moral rectitude, such may be called righteous, and such may glory in an own righteousness. But withal it would only be a creature righteousness, and by no means the righteousness of God, which consists not in any principles adhering to, or actions done by us: for it is the imputed righteousness of God. It is necessary to notice the distinction between the righteousness of God imputed, and the implanted gifts of the Spirit creating a new heart, and producing just and holy graces, ornamenting in the sight of men our life and conduct.

The righteousness of God, is imputed to us by faith; but sanctification relative to our nature is an operation in the heart disposing it to holy motives. The righteousness of God imputed to us, is not susceptible of being increased: for it is perfect; "for in him, i. e. Christ dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily; And ye are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power;" Col. ii, 9, 10; but the sanctification of our nature remains imperfect during this life by reason of the opposition of the flesh and other temptations; and although the graces of the Spirit are holy in their principles and most beautiful in their qualities; yet not all unholy volitions in the soul are eradicated; for ignorance and folly more or less are in every christian. Rom. vii, 14–24.

Because the distinction between the imputed righteousness of Christ, and the sanctification of our nature, or the fruits of the Spirit, is not observed, sundry important texts are misconstrued, and many persons rendered extremely uncomfortable. Knowing that the scriptures teach a christian perfection, they seek for this perfection in the sanctification of their nature; but yet, notwithstanding their best endeavors, constantly feeling sin, they conclude that they are unregenerated and under condemnation, and are thus extremely uncomfortable; whilst others imagining that they have attained to this sanctification, because they do not commit many outward wicked actions, are vile hypocrites.

Before the sanctification of our nature commences, we must be born again, or clothed with God's righteousness. Hence a new heart, or holy dispositions are not requisite to make us God's children; for such blessings we inherit because we are children, or they are the consequences following the new birth. This is proven in the following manner:

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Gal. iii,

13, 14. This text shews that whosoever receives the Spirit does it by faith. But it has already been proven that a believer is born again; hence a child of God. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts ii, 38. This also plainly shews that the gift of the Holy Ghost was received by the Jews after they obtained the remission for their sins.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Col. iii, 1–5. Now such as are risen with Christ, and whose life is hid with him in God, can be none else than those that have been born anew; and they are exhorted to seek the things that are above and to mortify their members upon earth: such as fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, &c. To do these things is the same as having holy principles. But those persons prior to having such principles are represented as true christians, which also proves that the new birth is prior to intellectual sanctification.

"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Gal. iv, 6. This text indicates that our son-ship is a reason why God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts; hence it is evident that the new birth is prior to the gift of the Spirit.

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of Spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness. Heb. xii, 6, 10.

Those that are chastened are said to be God's children. But why does God chasten his children? Is it for no purpose, but merely because he delights in seeing them afflicted? By no means: for that would be cruelty. Whom he chastens he loves, and the reason assigned for chastening us is that we might be partakers of his holiness. Whereas we frequently sin by reason of the flesh, or the old man, chastisements become indispensably necessary, in order that the flesh may be kept in subjection; otherwise we should not be made partakers of God's holiness. That God chastens his children, proves that their nature is yet sinful: for if not, why would chastisements be necessary? Such as confidently teach that when a man is born again, that his nature is so far changed, that he does not sin in any respect whatever, must deny, either, that God chastens his children, or else that he does it through cruelty or for nothing. To deny that God chastens his children would be contrary to the apostle's declaration; to suppose that he does it through cruelty or for nothing, would be forging a libel upon his holy character. What purpose should chastisements inflicted upon perfect holy creatures answer? Surely, none would be chastened for holiness. If it were not for the sins of God's people, the necessity of chastisements would be superseded. After the resurrection of the body, and when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put

on immortality, and when the sting of death, which is sin, shall utterly have been abolished, then there shall be neither crosses, nor afflictions of any description whatever; but an enjoyment of pure, perfect, uninterrupted, eternal felicity. The reason is obvious: because there shall be neither any temptation to sin, nor any sinful corruption cleaving to human nature in that blissful state of immortality.

FRAGMENT II.

The person who is regenerated, because of the flesh, frequently commits sins; hence it becomes necessary to be converted from his errors. But in the case of an apostacy a second graffing into Christ must take place; otherwise the person having apostatized cannot be restored.

The person that is regenerated, is truly ornamented with God's righteousness, and spiritual graces as a blessed consequence are implanted in the heart, which according to the language of the scriptures are called the inward, the new man, the Spirit; nevertheless he yet possesses the corruptions inherited by Adam's fall, which are called the flesh, or the old man. Sundry texts prove that the person that is born of God does nor commit sin; as for instance: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John iii, 9. Whereas on the contrary it is said that God's children sin. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John i, 8. The apostle John most certainly was a saint; notwistanding, he with others includes himself as not being without sin. St. Paul says, "If Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin: but the Spirit, is life because of righteousness." Rom. viii, 10. The allusion here is undoubtedly to God's children; for Christ is not in any others. The reason assigned for the death of a believer's body, is sin; hence as all saints' bodies die, they all have sin. Why are saints admonished to mortify their evil lusts if they had no sin? Col. iii, 5. Now since the scriptures ascribe holiness to every believer, and yet declare that none lives, without sinning, does not this imply a palpable contradiction? The scriptures by no means contradict themselves in making these repugnant declarations, but they thereby shew the contradiction in the believer's person: for in him there are two contrary principles, the one called the old, and the other the new man. The old man or the flesh we have inherited from Adam by a natural birth, but the new man is the consequence of regeneration. The carnal mind is not subject to the law of God; the new man delights in it; the former is sinful; the latter is holy. Thus it may be correctly said, that the christian is a sinner according to the flesh, but holy and without sin according to the new man, or the Spirit. St. Paul says, "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man." Rom. vii, 21, 22. In v. 25, he adds, "So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Thus we see that St. Paul served both the law of God, and the law of sin, but the former according to the inward man, and the latter according to the flesh. Two contrary principles ever will be at war with each other, until the one or the other shall be overcome. For this reason it is said that "the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Gal. v, 17.

This being the case, the flesh frequently conquers, and we fall into sins. But as it is the will of God, when we are thus fallen, that we again should rise, he calls upon us to repent of and be converted from our follies. Our blessed Saviour said unto his disciples, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Mat. xviii, 3. The context plainly indicates that they were elated with pride; seeing they contended for rank and superiority in the kingdom of heaven. But they were certainly previously regenerated; for Jesus told them, "Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke x, 20. That a man whose name is written in heaven, is regenerated admits of no dispute. Now since the disciples were born again, and yet were exhorted to be converted, it is evident that regeneration and conversion are to be distinguished. Again, Christ predicting the fall of Peter, said unto him, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke xxii, 31, 32. In this also, the distinction between regeneration and conversion is manifest: for Peter, even when he had fallen into sin had not lost his faith, but was converted. This distinction is briefly described thus: regeneration takes place when a person by faith is adopted as a child of God, and clothed with his righteousness; whereas conversion takes place when such a person falls into sin and again repents. The pious Psalmist prayed "Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore me unto the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free Spirit." Ps. li, 9–12. The Psalmist praying that God might hide his face from his sins, for a clean heart, for the renewing of a right spirit within him, for the restoration unto the joy of God's salvation, thereby confesses himself guilty of some enormous crimes; and yet the same time praying: take not thy holy Spirit from me, indicates that he was a child of God; otherwise he would not have had the holy Spirit.

Thus it is evident that God's children may fall into sin; and yet be renewed by conversion. But when they commit sin they shall be chastened. God having promised Christ a numerous host of children, says: "My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah." Ps. lxxxix, 28–37. Every believer is a living branch in Christ the true vine bringing forth good fruit; but as all branches may have excresences, they must be pruned to render the fruit better and more abundant. God purges such branches that they may bring forth more fruit; this frequently is done by chastisements. It is in vain for any christian to suppose that because he is saved by faith, he may indulge himself in vices, remaining impenitent: for God's fatherly love and care require that his crimes should be visited with the rod and with stripes; otherwise he would become utterly miserable, and never be

a partaker of holiness. Some men, even such as profess to be believers, presume that the doctrine of justification by faith alone without any good works leads to licentiousness; hence preach that good works as well as faith, are indispensably necessary to salvation. But let such consider that it is not possible according to God's own declarations, for his children to fall into vices, remaining impenitent, and not to be scourged. He chastens them by various means: such as by sickness, loss of friends, poverty, suffering their enemies to injure them, and by many other afflictions. Let that professor therefore, who is without any fatherly chastisements, not consider himself a child of God, but a bastard.

It is thus evident, that all sins God's children commit may be repented of, and consequently be pardoned; except they commit the sin unto death and apostatize. It is said, "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."—Rom. viii, 13. If any man see his brother sin a sin, *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 1 John v, 16. What manner of death is it which those shall die who do not mortify the deeds of the flesh, or commit the sin unto death? It can by no means be the natural death of the body: for it is evident that no man can escape that by crucifying the flesh. I presume it is the same which Adam died the day on which he transgressed. It was said unto him: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. ii, 17. This could not have alluded to a temporal death: for to suppose it, would be contrary to fact, seeing he afterwards lived many years. His bodily death was announced to him after the transgression in the following words: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground: for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Gen. iii, 19. His body returning to the ground plainly indicates his bodily death. Neither could the allusion be to what by some divines is called the eternal death, i. e. endless punishments in hell: for to suppose that, would also be contrary to fact, seeing that he did not that day go to hell; nor have we any reason to believe that he ever did. Neither could he in one day (or that same day) have suffered endless punishments: for one day is not endless. He must hence have died legally, i. e. became dead in sin, deprived of spiritual light and and life. His conduct after his fall shews the darkness of his mind: for when the Lord God called unto him, and said unto him, "Where *art* thou? he said, I heard thy voice in the garden; and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." Gen iii, 9, 10. This seems as if he imagined that he could hide himself from an all-seeing God, which manifests his intellectual blindness. This spiritual death is mentioned by St. Paul: "And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and in sins." Eph ii, i, and v. 4, 5—"but God, who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved.") All men by nature are thus spiritually dead, i. e. their understanding is without divine light, and their hearts without divine life and are under the curse of the law; and in this state they remain, until they are made spiritually alive by Christ. He says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John v, 24. By passing from death unto life cannot signify in this passage passing from a bodi-

ly death to a life after the resurrection of the body, as it alludes to men believing in this world ; hence alludes to a passage from a spiritual death to a spiritual life. Now since the apostle declares that such as live after the flesh shall die, it is evident that they will be deprived of divine life and die spiritually in sin. Such as are exhorted to mortify the deeds of the flesh, lest they die, are spiritually alive, that is true believers: for if they were not how could they die? For unbelievers are already by nature dead in sin, hence it is impossible for such to die, unless it was possible for a dead person to die.

That such persons who apostatize cannot be renewed again unto repentance, is proven by the following passage: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame." Heb. vi, 4–6.

Though it be evident from the proofs already stated, that a believer may apostatize and die; nevertheless, this is positively denied by those who maintain the doctrine of absolute election and reprobation. They suppose such a final apostacy impossible in consequence of God's promises to keep his children safely, as for instance: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all: and none is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand." John x, 27, 29. It must be admitted, that not only according to this, but also according to sundry other texts, no child of God, nor none of his sheep as such, ever did, or ever shall be finally lost. But it is to be remembered that this is not properly the point in question. The question is not, whether any of God's children, or sheep may be utterly lost? but whether any of his children may not become unbelievers, or his sheep become goats? If any of his children become unbelivers, or his sheep become goats, then if they perish it can by no means be said that any of God's children or sheep have perished; because after becoming infidels or goats, they are not children or sheep. It is by no means absurd to affirm that no unbeliever shall ever be saved: for "he that believeth not is condemned already." John iii, 18—but it would be contrary to fact, to suppose that an unbeliever, may not become a believer: seeing that sundry of the most eminent saints once had been unbelievers. Whenever it shall be proven that no believer can ever become an unbeliver, then only shall the impossibility of a final apostasy be established. But since there is no text affirming this, it must be concluded that sheep may become goats, or saints become sinners. St. Jude in describing a certain wicked class of wicked men, calls them "trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots." v. 12. Now it may be asked, how such could have been twice dead? They undoubtedly once had been dead in sin by nature; but how could they have been dead the second time if they had not been made spiritually alive to God, and then have died, i. e. apostatized? It is out of the question to conclude otherwise, than that such must have been spiritually alive, and then have apostatized.

When a man commits the sin unto death he loses his faith, without which no man can receive forgiveness. It is therefore not strange when a person has been made spiritually alive, and loses his faith, that he should

be in a similar, or perhaps a worse state than he was when an unbeliever in a state of nature, or before ever he was regenerated. He who commits the sin unto death must undoubtedly lose his faith, otherwise he would still live, because it is out of the question for any one to believe on the Son of God and not to have eternal life.

If the deeds of the flesh be not mortified, faith will be lost, and a spiritual death will be the consequence. They are to be mortified through the Spirit. The word of God is Spirit and life: "the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life," John vi, 63. It is an incorruptible seed, which effects regeneration. 1 Pet. i, 23–25. 1 Cor. iv, 15. James i, 18. It is a heavenly light. Ps. cxix, 105. 2 Pet. i, 19. It is called the sword of the Spirit. Eph. vi, 17. It is not only the means by which faith cometh; Rom. x, 17: but it is also to keep one from sinning: "thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. cxix, 11. The word of God being the principal means to beget faith and to mortify the deeds of the flesh, it is evident that by rejecting or perverting it faith is lost. For the word being light. spirit and life, is calculated to illumine the soul, to make it spiritual, and to give it eternal life. Consequently if a believer should neglect or pervert it, his heart must become dark, carnal and dead: for the want of light is darkness, of the Spirit carnality, and of life death. Thus when Adam and Eve disregarded the word of the Lord, they became dark, carnal and dead. Hence I conclude that a neglect or a perversion of God's word after being regenerated is the sin unto death: for without this word there can be no faith, and without that the soul must die. The following passages confirm this conclusion: "Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is;* but exhorting *one another:* and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye. shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Heb. x, 23–29.

In the public assemblies of christians the word of God is preached, the Spirit and the holy ordinances administered; hence by neglecting such, the word is despised. Neglecting this word after having received the knowledge of the truth is called a wilful sin. A man receives the knowlege of the truth by the hearing of the gospel; hence when he neglects, and thus despises it, he acts from knowledge, and sins with deliberation. This word is spirit, the agency of not only begetting, but also of preserving faith and of mortifying the deeds of the flesh; it reveals Jesus the only sacrifice for sins, and brings nigh his blood, the blood of the covenant: consequently he that rejects or perverts this word has done despite unto the Spirit of grace, and trodden the Son of God under foot; in short, he dies, becoming an infidel. An infidel rejects the sacrifice of Jesus. Under the dispensation of the law there were many sacrifies, so that if one was neglected another could be obtained; but under the gospel there can be but one sacrifice, namely: that of Jesus Christ, and whilst that is rejected

there is no possibility of salvation. Men were put to death for despising Moses' law; they suffered a bodily death; but the rejection of Jesus and his gospel will subject the transgressor to a sorer punishment: for losing his faith, he shall die a spiritual death, which in its consequences is more dreadful than that of the body. See also Heb. xii, 25.

The question, whether a person after having apostatized can ever again get to believe and be saved? deserves an examination. It would be erroneous to affirm that it would be impossible with God, or repugnant to any of his attributes ever to restore an apostate person. But it would rather be congenial to his boundless love and mercy, not utterly to debar apostates from a restoration. An apostate person is one, who has lost his faith and has become dead, and is in a similar state to one who never has been regenerated. Now the one who never has been regenerated, being an unbeliever has no forgiveness, he is dead, the wrath of God abiding on him; nor can he ever, as an unbeliever, obtain pardon; the apostate having become an unbeliever, by no means has any forgiveness: seeing he is punished with spiritual death, the consequences of which are most terrible. Now since he who never was a believer may get to be such by the proper use of means; even so there is nothing contained in the scriptures positively denying that an apostate may obtain faith and be saved. It may indeed become extremely difficult for an apostate person to obtain faith; for God may, with a view to punish him, place him in a situation so that he may not have an opportunity of hearing the genuine gospel, and consequently bring many other judgments upon him; yet it is not utterly impossible, nor improbable for the Lord again to visit him with the true gospel.

The passage in Heb. vi, 4–6, declaring the impossibility of again renewing those to repentance, who were once enlightened, &c., which many presume is sufficient to prove that no apostate can ever be restorod, does not prove it. It simply proves that an apostate cannot again be renewed to repentance; but does not say that he may never get to be a believer. An unbeliever cannot be renewed to faith: for he possess none to which, or in which, he might be renewed. To renew a thing in a man or to renew him to it, pre-supposes him not to be destitute of it: for if so, he could not be renewed in it, as he would have first to receive it. St. Paul exhorts the Ephesians, "to be renewed in the Spirit of their mind." Eph. iv, 23. Now let us suppose the Ephesians not to have possessed any Spirit of mind at all, would it not have been absurd for him to have exhorted them to be renewed in it? Now for any to be renewed to repentence, pre-supposes such to possess penitent principles. But such as have lost their faith, hence all penitent principles, cannot be renewed to repentance: for its evident that one cannot be renewed to that which he does not possess. It might as well be argued, that because a person who never had faith cannot be renewed to faith; therefore it is impossible for him ever to obtain faith; as to conclude, because a believer having apostatized and being thus without faith, can never be renewed to it, that therefore he can never obtain faith. Who would suppose that an unbeliever can never get to be a believer? Yet it is plain that he cannot be renewed to faith.

St. Paul speaking to the Galatians, says: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." ch. iv, 19. To travail in birth again implies having once before travailed in birth; hence those Galatians had once before been regenerated. The phrase, "til Christ be formed in you," supposes such to be without Christ: otherwise it would

not have been necessary for him to have been formed in them, and they that are without Christ are unbelievers. Although, it may not be proven that all the Galatians to whom this epistle had been addressed had apostatized: for some at least are called God's children having his Spirit in their hearts. ch. iv, 6; and some were spiritual, who were exhorted to restore such as were overtaken in a fault, ch. vi, 1; nevertheless it is manifest that a considerable number of them had apostatized. For the apostle asks: "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? ch. iii, 3—"they knew God, or rather were known of him; yet they turned again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto they desired again to be in bondage," ch. iv, 9. All this proves that they were deluded, intending to be justified by the law, which proves that they had fallen from grace. "For," saith the apostle, "I testify again to every man that is circumcised that he is a debtor to do the whole law.—Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace," ch. v, 3, 4. Those Galatians who were induced to apostatize by false teachers, the apostle labored to restore to faith, or to graff them into Christ again; so that he might be formed in them. He certainly believed that by his instrumentality they again might be graffed into Christ: otherwise he as a wise and inspired apostle would not have labored for their restoration. For no wise man will labor for that which he positively knows can never be regained.

FRAGMENT III.

It is shewn that a regenerated person is not in legal bondage, but posseses spiritual liberty, &c.

Children of God are free from legal bondage. They are in the kingdom of God, which is "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost;" Rom. xiv, 17; hence already are measurably happy. Whereas those, who are in legal bondage cannot be happy: for there is no harmony between bondage and felicity. St. Paul says: "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Rom. 8, 15.

God's law is truly good and holy, and if man never had transgressed it, he could be under no condemnation, and hence it would be for ever his delight. But man having transgressed it, he is under its curse, and deprived of God's Spirit, he is opposed to it; and yet being under its obligation, is in legal bondage. For bondage is when one is opposed to a thing; and yet, contrary to one's inclination must be under its obligation. This is the case of an unbeliever with respect to the law. He has no delight in it; yet he realizes no other righteousness, but that which is by the law, and is thus contrary to his own will under its obligation, and sees no alternative, but either to fulfil it, or else suffer its penalty.

Had man never transgressed the law, he would by all means live by it, and be happy. But since he has transgressed the law, it can by no means answer this purpose; neither is this the design of its revelation since the fall. The charter of our salvation we find in the Arahamic covenant. The promises made therein are to Christ in his mediatorial character—"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to

seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." Gal. iii, 16 Christ according to the flesh is Abraham's seed; hence to him in his incarnate state God made the promises. God gave him the world of mankind. "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession." Ps. ii, 7, 8. This inheritance he redeemed from the power of Satan. Heb. ii, 13–15.

Therein also the promise of blessings is made unto all men. "In thee, (i. e. in Abraham,) shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. xii, 3. Since a promise of blessing in the Messiah is made to all the families of the earth, it is evident they may all become heirs. Now such as believe and thus are made children, also become heirs; for "if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." Rom. viii, 17. The blessings promised are Christ, in whom we have eternal life, and the gifts of the holy Spirit.

He that inherits an estate could not have merited it: for if one merits something, it may be obtained justly as a debt; yet by no means as an inheritance. If it be by debt then it is not inherited, and if inherited then it cannot be by debt. If we be heirs of salvation, then no good work whatsoever is necessary to obtain it:—"Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness"' Rom. iv, 5.

It must also be observed that after a testamentary devise is confirmed, no alteration, nor addition is to be admitted. This rule is generally observed with respect to a man's testament. The testament of God surely is entitled to no less regard. "Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant; yet *if it* be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many: but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, *That* the covenant that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise." Gal. iii, 15–18.

This covenant was confirmed by an oath:—"For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself: Saying, surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." Heb. vi, 13–18. Since this testamentary devise has been confirmed by Jehovah's oath by himself, it can never possibly be changed. For God is an unchangeable being, even so is his oath by himself. Neither can this testament be disannulled by any thing on earth, or in hell, or in heaven; nor by time, nor by eternity: nor can God himself revoke it, unless he could change and commit perjury by his holiness, which would be utterly impossible.

It is also a daring diabolical attempt for any man to add the least thing to this testament as necessary unto salvation, seeing it is a testament of man's salvation, and has been confirmed by two immutable things. How shameful is therefore the conduct of such preachers, who teach that a man is not justified before God by faith alone, but also by the good works of the law! They attempt to add the law to the testament of man's salvation. If not, why do they maintain that a man must do good works in order to be saved? How is it possible for the works of the law to be the least condition of man's salvation, when it was not incorporated with the Abrahamic covenant; but was given four hundred and thirty years after this covenant had been confirmed? Had it ever been God's design that man should be saved by good works in the least degree, he would not have delayed the law four hundred and thirty years; but would immediately entered it into the Abrahamic covenant. The covenant of the law was not at all made with Abraham. Moses said: "The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day." Deut. v, 2, 3. Now since the covenant of Abraham includes the blessing of salvation for all men, the covenant made at Horeb four hundred and thirty years afterwards can by no means be necessary to our justification before God.

Indeed sin was in the world before the law was given on Mount Sinai, but without the law it cannot be imputed. "For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law." Rom. v, 13. In order, therefore, that sin might appear in its deformity, the law was revealed. "Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made, &c., Gal. iii, 19 Moreover, the law entered that the offence might abound: but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Rom. v, 20. "I had not known sin but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet," ch. vii, 7. Because sin is a transgression of the law, the law as a bright mirror manifests sin in its original deformity. By this means men are convinced of the justice of being under condemnation, their utter ruin, their inability of being restored by any personal merit, or intellectual rectitude; it also begets a desire in them to be released from bondage, and proves the necessity of an almighty Saviour. Without being thus convinced, no man would ever come to Christ for salvation: for who is he that wishes to be justified, if he does not previously know himself to be unjust, and under condemnation? or that wishes to be made free, if he does not know himself to be in bondage? or that wishes to see life, if he does not know that he is in death? The law is therefore, properly called our schoolmaster. "Before faith came we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." Gal. iii, 23–25. Heirs, who are in a minor age are kept under tutors and governors for a certain period, during which they cannot have the estate in their own hands, nor enjoy perfect liberty. The church of God before the incarnation of Christ was in a minor age; and although having been appointed heirs in the Abrahamic covenant, yet could not enjoy perfect liberty, but were under tutors and governors, i. e. under the legal dispensation. The apostle states the following with respect to this subject:

"Now I say, *that* the heir, as long as he is a child,

differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord *of* all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of son." Gal. iv, 1–5. How plainly this text shews that the law served as a tutor and governor over the church until the dispensation of the gospel. Since the law therefore, is designed to reveal our guilt and bring us unto Christ, it is evident that it loses its jurisdiction over us after we have come to Christ. Every believer, because he is in Christ is divorced from the law. The apostle illustrates this by the following simile: "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. So then, if while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of Spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter." Rom. vii, 1–6. By these words we are taught that like as death divorces a woman from her husband, even so we are delivered from the law, being dead to it by the body of Christ. How then can he be a believer in Christ, who yet seeks salvation by the good works of the law? He who is under the law enjoys no liberty, but is in a state of bondage. See Gal. iv, 21–31.

Whilst a man seeks to be saved by the works of the law he is under it, and can by no means be freed from sin. Although, the law be good and holy; nevertheless it is the life and strength of sin. "But sin taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." Rom. vii, 8, 9. Now if without the law sin be dead, and if by it sin is revived, then it may with propriety be concluded that the law is the life of sin; and also because sin by it takes occasion to work all manner of concupiscence.

When the law, as the apostle says, revives sin, it proves death to the sinner. "For when the commandment came, sin revived and I died."—What manner of death did he die? The apostle cannot allude to a bodily death: for he then, even when he had said "I died," had been alive with respect to his body. Nor can he allude to an eternal death, i. e. everlasting punishments in hell; for he was not in hell. It is evident that he had died a spiritual death, i. e. dead in sin, legally separated from God from whom flow light and life, of which the sinner is deprived by the law.—Now since the law revives sin, by which the sinner dies a spiritual death, he must whilst under the law be separated from God; hence be destitute of the Spirit, light and life. For this reason it is properly said: "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law;" 1 Cor. xv, 56: "the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life;" and the ministration of death

was written and engraven on stones. 2 Cor. iii, 6, 7. Instead therefore of being justified by the law, our sins are thereby revived and we remain dead under the curse: "for as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse." Gal. iii, 10. If therefore, any man would be made alive, let him by no means continue under the law, but let him come to Christ by faith. Now since the law keeps sin alive which proves the sinner's death, is it not horrid when preachers affirm and teach that it is not sufficient unto salvation for a man to believe in Christ; but that he cannot be saved unless he also keeps the law? By preaching the law sinners are kept in death and bondage. The law mongers are therefore, nothing but the bearers of the dead, and there is no life nor salvation in their ministry. It is clearly to be understood, that if sin be deprived of its life, which is the law, that it must die, and the death of sin will prove the sinner's spiritual life. We are exhorted to mortify the deeds of the flesh; and the flesh is to be crucified with the affections and lusts thereof. By the flesh is to be understood the wicked and sinful disposition of the heart: in short the sinful corruptions of our nature. Now are our sinful members or our sins to be mortified by the deeds of the law, or by our own good endeavors? By no means For it has already been proven that the law revives sin. Now in the name of common sense how can that which revives sin, be a means to mortify sin, or to crucify the flesh? If we would die unto sin, we must deprive it of its life, which is the law; in short we must be dead to the law by the body of Christ. Accordingly I conclude, that when we are free from the law, sin is mortified, or our old man is crucified with Christ, that the body of sin might be destroyed: seeing that which looses its life must die: the law is the life of sin; the believer is dead to the law; hence sin has lost its life; therefore it is dead, and he lives unto God. Such therefore, as suppose that this doctrine leads to licentiousness are much mistaken: for how can a man be a slave to sin when he is not under the law but whose life is hid with Christ in God? Can there be sin where there is no law? No!—For sin is a transgression of the law; "sin is not imputed when there is no law." Rom. v, 13. Indeed we have sinful corruptions which we have inherited by Adam's transgression. But can they injure us? can they be imputed to us without the law? No!—Who then is the man, who preaches holiness? Does he preach holiness, who maintains that a man must keep the law? No!—He is far from it: for he that preaches salvation by good works breathes the very breath of life into the body of sin, so that it lives, bringing forth fruit unto death.—Does he preach holiness that maintains that we are dead to the law? By all means. For when there is no law sin is not imputed; when sin is not imputed, there is holiness. Look at this ye self-righteous law mongers, and be ashamed.

The law mongers say: if we be free from the law then we can do as we please, and indulge ourselves in all manner of licentiousness. This is the language of those who are in bondage. They presume if they had liberty, they would make it a pander of wickedness, and thus give us clearly to understand, that if it were not through fear of the law there would be no limit to their licentiousness. To preach salvation through free grace, they imagine would never induce sinners to abstain from wickedness; hence for this reason they deem it necessary to coerce them by the terrors of the law, and thus all the supposed good they do is through slavish fear.

Such as attempt to be saved by good works, being under the law, are spiritually dead. Now we know that a dead thing cannot move, nor act of itself: as for instance, a lifeless machine must be moved either by a

man's hand, or by beasts or by water, or by steam. Whereas a living being moves by reason of life peculiar to itself; hence needs no other power to enforce it into action. Now the law mongers are like unto lifeless machines; it is therefore, not to be wondered at why they expect to be forced to all the supposed good they do by legal terrors by self-invented church-rules, and systematical or machinal associations. Nor is it to be wondered at why it has become necessary to publish their donations to supposed good institutions, and the good they have effected, in the public gazettes and periodical magazines: for this public applause which they anticipate is the steam to put those dead machines into operation.

But the regenerated person possesses spiritual life, and not being under the law, enjoys liberty; consequently this divine life in him is the source of many noble actions: for he delights in the law of God after the inward man. He is not under the obligation of the law, but the law is written in his heart; in him therefore it is a living law, a God-like volition. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. Heb. viii, 10.

For the purpose of illustrating this subject more amply, I shall subjoin a few observations on the following passage:

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection: knowing this that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin; but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. vi, 3–11. Christ is said to be the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Rev. xxii, 16. He is the true vine and christians are the branches; John xv, 1–5. He is a righteous, holy root full of life and immortality. Holy baptism by the aforesaid text is represented as the instrument by which we are graffed into this root, this immortal vine. We by nature are sinners, under the curse of the law, spiritually dead; hence have no power to live spiritually. But when we are graffed into Christ, the tree of life, we must also partake of his life.—If a thousand graffs be graffed into a tree, so as to grow, they with it constitute one tree. The many thousand believers being graffed into Christ with him are one mystic tree of immortality. They (yet not personally) are one Christ. For this unity he prayed:—"that they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." John xvii, 21–23. This sacerdotal prayer in-

cludes a oneness of all believers, and also a oneness with Christ and the Father. They are "rooted and built up in him." Col. ii, 7. Because the many millions of saints are so many graffs in Christ, the tree of life deriving nourishment out of his fullness, they are properly said to be "members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Eph. v, 30. It was therefore said, when Saul was persecuting christians that he persecuted Christ himself. Acts ix, 4. It is also said, that in feeding and clothing, &c., christians, one feeds and clothes Christ himself. Mat. xxv, 35–40.—Now since they are one with him, it is evident that they can have no righteousness acquired by the good works of the law, but that they are righteous and holy in him. Being planted into his death by baptism we are by all means divorced from the law; hence freed from sin: for he that is dead is freed from sin. But as we are planted in his death, we also rise with him into a new and endless life Thus we are both dead and alive: dead to sin, but alive to God. The apostle says, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Col. iii, 3. The reason assigned why we live is because we are buried in his death; hence no man can live by the law for it cannot give life. Because we are planted into Christ's death, and are risen with him, our old man is crucified, so that the body of sin might be destroyed. Evil lusts are called members: "mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affections, evil concupiscence, and coveteousness, which is idolatry." Col. iii, 5. Many members connected constitute a body. Many sinful lusts connected constitute the body of sin. This body of sin is destroyed by being in Christ's death, and consequently risen with him, and hence becoming dead to the law. Thus we see that the sanctification of our nature is the blessed result of justification by faith without good works. Forasmuch as we are planted into Christ's death, we are dead to the law, which is the life and strength of sin; consequently sin has lost its life when we are free from the law; hence sin must die, and we have everlasting life through Jesus Christ. If we be free from the law then surely we must enjoy liberty. Such as contend that we are yet under the law, or that the fulfilling of it is necessary unto justification must also suppose that we are in a state of bondage. Such therefore do not only preach the law as a condition, but they also invent a number of church-rules and laws, and establish systematical institutions for doing supposed good, which are no where commanded in the scriptures, and threaten their people with excommunication, or at least with future damnation if they refuse compliance. If St. Paul could say with respect to the very laws and institutions of God under the old testament dispensation: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ;" Col. ii, 16, 17; with how much more propriety may not christians now be exhorted: let no modern priesthood judge you with respect to their self-invented institutions, which are calculated to promote their aggrandizement.

To be in the kingdom of God, supposes a state of enjoying happiness. But there is no happiness in bondage. Bondage is an element of hell and misery. Such as preach bondage, preach misery. Liberty is an element of heaven, of happiness: for "where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there is llberty." 2 Ccr. iii, 17.

FRAGMENT IV.

Concerning the testimony of our adoption.

There are various means by which we may know a thing. The principal Knowledge we have of persons and things is by sight and testimony. Objects that we see, carry the proof of their existence within themselves; or properly speaking are self-evident; hence are not susceptible of being proven by any other testimony. As for instance: when I see the sun in his meridian glory, it is impossible for any one to prove to me by any testimony whatever that such a luminary exists: for since he is an object of my sight his existence is self-evident. But things that we never saw, we should know nothing of them without some other sensible representation or a testimony. Because things invisible to us can only be known by testimony, such a knowledge is called faith or belief: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. xi, 1. Persons and things that are invisible to us are therefore only to be realized by sure witnesses. Thus whatsoever is known by testimony cannot be an object of our senses. Causes may also be known by their effects: as for instance: we see a house, which indicates a builder.

Divine and heavenly things are invisible, they therefore cannot be apprehended by our senses, nor are they self-evident, but may be only known by testimony; hence the pretensions of those who presume to have received those things in a sensible manner are extremely absurd.

God does by no means require intelligent creatures to believe any thing without a sufficient testimony. Thus when Jesus Christ was made flesh, there were the most unequivocal testimonies accompanying his mission, commanding belief in his Messiah-ship. His lineage, the place of his nativity, his personage, &c., corresponded as accurately to the predictions of Moses, of the Psalms and of the Prophets, as a portrait to its original.—John the Baptist bore explicit testimony of his person; and when he was baptized in Jordan, the heavens were opened, the Holy Ghost dove-like descending upon him, and the Father's voice saying from heaven: 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Mat. iii, 16, 17. His own miracles also constituted an invincible chain of testimonies, sufficient to command belief in his divine character. But if in case our blessed Saviour had not such testimonies, who could have known whether he was the Son of God, or an imposter?

Regeneration and our spiritual life are invisible. Now since no invisible things may be apprehended in a sensible manner, but only can be known by testimony, it is evident that we can known nothing concerning our adoption, but by testimonies. The holy Spirit bears this testimony: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Rom. viii, 16. By the fruits of the Spirit in us, a testimony is borne of our adoption. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Gal. v, 22, 23. When all those fruits are either in us, or in others, we see effects, which cannot flow from any other source, but from the Holy Spirit. For such fruits cannot proceed from our own nature; seeing that is corrupted and sinful; nor from the devil; seeing that he is the author of lies, hatred, &c. It is true, hypocrites may and do counterfeit those fruits of the Spirit:

yet upon a close examination it will appear, that those pretended fruits do not flow from a living principle; but they are affected and machinal, and are merely a fictitious pious parade.

Whereas the flesh in us frequently most violently opposes the Spirit, it requires a close examination to perceive this testimony. When the flesh rages, it beclouds the spiritual graces in the soul, and thus arise temptations of despair. Notwithstanding, whilst the fruits of the Spirit are in us; though beclouded by carnal and diabolical temptations; we may recognize the Holy Ghost's testimony of our adoption. For as little as the clouds which hide the splendor of the sun can blot out his existence, even so little can the temptations of the flesh and of satan prove away our adoption. They rather establish that we are God's children. If not, why should we be tempted? why should the flesh rage? He who is already a child of the devil living according to the will of the wicked flesh, can have no strife, nor conflict in his soul: for devil agrees with devil, and wickedness is not at war with wickedness. Only contrary things or persons are at variance with each other. A war in the christian's soul supposes two contrary principles. The flesh and the spirit are contrary the one to the other. If there was no other principle in us save the flesh, there would be no war: for the flesh does not oppose the flesh. But when there is a war in us, we then know that we have the Spirit, by which we are sealed, having the pledge of our heavenly inheritance, Eph. i, 13, 14.

Texts of scripture describing the fruits of the Spirit are frequently misapplied by attempting to prove, that those fruits are necessary unto our justification. Instead of viewing them as testimonies of the Spirit of our adoption, they are viewed as conditions of our salvation, which erroneous viewing is the reason of delusion.

Under the old Testament dispensation prayers were offered with sacrafices. When the sacrifices were consumed by fire from heaven, the worshipper had a testimony that he was accepted of God. As for instance: we see when God answered Elijah with fire from heaven consuming his sacrifices; whereas the priests of Baal received no such answer; hence were rejected. See 1 Kings 18. But under the gospel dispensation we cannot properly offer our prayers with any other sacrifice, but the only one, which is Jesus Christ. Our prayers offered through him will be accepted. Genuine prayers are produced by the Holy Spirit in us. See Rom. viii, 26, 27. Gal. iv, 6. Now when our prayers are heard and granted the Holy Ghost bears an ample testimony of our adoption, as St. John says: "this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hearerh us." 1 John v, 14. This is truly an illustrious testimony. When the worshipper under the old Testament dispensation saw his sacrifice consumed by heavenly fire, he was certain of his acceptance; even so we, when we get the things for which we pray, we have a great confidence of our adoption.

When we pray, it ought to be done according to God's will, which is revealed in the scriptures. We should by no means offer them to God by reason of own merits, but only in the name of Jesus. We are taught that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord, but that he had no respect to him, nor to his offering. Cain's sacrifice being the fruit of the ground, it is plain that it was produced by the labors of his own hands; or the fruits of agriculture. This shews that his sacrifice was self-righteousness, or own merit. He is a true type of all self-righteous

persons, who offer up their prayers with their supposed good works, and pray for the prosperity of self-invented institutions. Whereas Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock, and he was accepted. Gen. iv, 3–5. Now we know that a lamb or goat, which is understood by the firstling of the flock was a type of Jesus Christ, the only sacrifice through which we are accepted. Cain shewed his unbelief by his sacrifice being that of his own works; but Abel manifested his faith in Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, when he offered the firstling of his flock; hence it is said: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh." Heb. xi, 4. Let therefore men pray through Jesus Christ, then they shall be heard and have a testimony of their adoption.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

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Rev. A. J. FOX,	5	700	50	2	0	20	64
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" T. MOSER,	2	...	..	.	.	..	..
" J. M. SMITH,	3	350	27	0	2	19	59
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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SYNOD.

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Evan. Luth. Tenn. Synod, will convene in St. Mark's, Gaston county, N. C. on Saturday before the second Sunday in October; and the extra session of Synod will convene in Zion church, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, 1864.

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St. John's church,	$10 00	St. Luke's church,	2 25
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MINUTES

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

SATURDAY, Oct. 17, 1863.

PURSUANT to a resolution of its last meeting, this body convened in St. John's church, Catawba county, N. C. A sermon was preached by Rev. H. Goodman, from Gal. iii, 13. After a short intermission, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt preached a sermon from Heb ii, 1—4.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

A large assembly being convened, the exercises were opened by Rev. C. Moretz, who preached from St. John xii, 21. After a short recess, Rev. A. J. Fox preached from Rev. ii, 7. After this the Lord's Supper was administered. A feeling of interest and devotion pervaded the people.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 19, A. M.

Synod met, was opened by prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson. The roll was called, absentees noted, and certificates of lay-delegates handed in.

The following is a list of the ministers and lay-delegates of this body:

Ordained Ministers.	*Post-Office.*
1. Rev. A. Henkel,*	New-Market, Va.
2. " H. Goodman,	Statesville, N. C.
3. " J. Killian,*	Waynesboro', Va.
4. " J. Stirewalt,*	New-Market, Va.
5. " H. Wetzel,*	———
6. " J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, N. C.
7. " A. Efird,†	Lexington, S. C.
8. " S. Henkel,*	New-Market, Va.
9. " George Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Va.

Ordained Ministers.	*Post-Office.*
10. Rev. A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, N. C.
11. " J. R. Moser,*	Castor, Mo.
12. " C. J. Rietzel,	Flint Rock, N. C.
13. " P. C. Henkel,	Newton, N. C.
14. " T. Moser,	Taylorsville, N. C.
15. " J. M. Wagner,*	———
16. " T. Crouce,†	Sandy Creek, N. C.
17. " D. Efird,†	Countsville, S. C.
18. " C. Moretz,	Taylorsville, N. C.
19. " J. E. Seneker,†	———
20. " J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N. C.
21. " M. J. Stirewalt,	Statesville, N. C.
22. " E. E. Smyre,†	Newton, N. C.
23. " I. Conder,	Lexington, N. C.
Licentiates.	
24. Rev. L. A. Fox,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
25. " D. E. Fox,	Newton, N. C.

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.

Lay-Delegates.

L. Delinger,	St. John's, N. C.	D. Miller,	Miller's, N. C.
Paul Setzer,	Hause's, "	M. Harmon,	St. Paul's, "
Eli Sigman,	St. Peter's "	J. F. Goodman,	St. Martin's "
S. Bost,	Sharon, "	M. Link,	Zion's, "
J. Little,	Friendship, "	W. Laws,	Salem, "
T. Young, (Beck's)	New Jerusalem.	H. Cansler,	Grace, "
A. A. Brown,	Salem, N. C.	M. H. Rhyne,	Luther Chapel, "
J. F. Plonk,	Philadelphia, "	D. Moretz,	Jackson's, "

Synod now held an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. J. R. PETERSON, *President*,
" J. M. SMITH, *Secretary*,
" M. J. STIREWALT, *Treasurer*.

Papers and letters for Synod were handed in. The President then appointed the following

Committees:

I. *To number and class Letters and Papers:* R. C. Moretz, Mr. J. F. Goodman.

II. *On Unfinished Business:* Rev. A. J. Fox, Mr. S. Bost.

III. *On Treasurer's Report:* Revs. H. Goodman and P. C. Henkel, Mr. A. A. Brown.

IV. *On Minutes of other Synods:* Rev. A. J. Fox, C. Moretz, and Mr. M. H. Rhyne.

V. *On Letters and Petitions:* Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, I. Conder, and Mr. T. Young.

Rev. H. Goodman now gave notice, that at a suitable time, he would

call the attention of Synod to the importance of performing missionary labors in the army.

Notice was also given that at an early period, the revised constitution, laid on the table in 1860, would be brought before Synod.

After an exchange of views on that subject, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to bring before Synod the revised Constitution: Revs. P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox, M. J. Stirewalt, Messrs. W. Laws and J. F. Plonk, were appointed.

Synod now adjourned, till after sermon, which was preached by Rev. I. Conder, Isa. lxi, 10.

MONDAY, P. M.

Synod resumed business. Committee No. I, returned the papers, classed and numbered. Committee No. III, submitted the following

REPORT: We, your commmittee, to settle with former Treasurer, after a careful examination, find in his hand the sum of forty-one dollars.

Revs. GOODMAN & HENKEL,
Mr. A. A. BROWN.

Now the subject of army missions was taken up, and it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to propose a plan of operations for army missions. Revs. Fox, Henkel, Goodman, committee.

Applicants, L. A. and D. E. Fox, being present, were invited to a seat as advisory members.

Excuses of Ministers for non-attendance were now called for; but the day being spent, this business was delayed till to-morrow.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow.

TUESDAY, A. M.

Synod met—was opened with suitable exercises by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt. The roll was called. Minutes were read, received and confirmed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Virginia brethren, Revs. A. Henkel, S. Henkel, J. Killian, J. Stirewalt, Geo. Schmucker and H. Wetzel be excused; also, J. R. Moser and J. M. Wagner. *That*, Revs. T. Crouse, A. and D. Efird and E. E. Smyre, be not excused.

Rev. T. Moser was excused.

Committee No. II, now submitted the following

REPORT: 1st. On page 8, we find the committee on Sunday Schools made no report. Is that committee prepared to report?

2d. On the same page, we find that the committe to collect historical facts in relation to the Confessional basis of our Synod, made no report. Is that committee prepared to report?

3d. On the same page we find that the committee appointed to revise our Liturgy made no report. Is that committee prepared?

4th. On page 11, we find that P. C. Henkel was appointed to examine, and if found qualified, to license Mr. D. E. Fox. Was this done?

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX,
I. CONDER.

Resolved, That this report be received and considered by items.

Item 1st. That committee is discharged.
Item 2d. That committee is discharged.
Item 3d. That committee is continued.
Item 4th. Rev. P. C. Henkel licensed D. E. Fox.

Committee No. IV, was called upon and presented the following

REPORT: We, your committee on Minutes of other Synods, find in our hands the minutes of the Evan. Lutheran Holston Synod, in which we find, that Rev. J. Barb was appointed delegate to our Synod, and regret he is not with us. We are, however, gratified to learn that our Holston brethren are permanently organized by the adoption of an appropriate constitution.

No. 2—Is a copy of the minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod & Ministerium of S. C. and adjacent States, of the 29th of Oct., 1862. We find nothing in these relative to our synod.

No. 3—Are the minutes of the Evan. Luth. Synod of Va., Oct. 23—26, 1862. There is nothing in these that requires the action of our synod.

No. 4—Are the proceedings of the Evangel. Lutheran Synod of N. C. Nothing in these requiring our action.

No. 5—Is a copy of the twenty-first session of the Evan. Luth. Synod of Western Va., and adjacent parts. They contain nothing that requires our action. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
C. MORETZ,
M. H. RHYNE.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox represent this Synod as delegate to the next session of the Holston Synod.

Committee No. V, made the following

REPORT: We, your committee to report on letters and petitions addressed to this Synod, submit the following:

No. 1—Is a petition from Jackson's church, Watauga county, N. C., returning thanks for services rendered them by Revs. T. Moser, C. Moretz, and D. E. Fox, and praying for the continuance of Rev. D. E. Fox's license, authorizing him to preach, catechise and baptize. They also desire the appointment of a committee to examine and ordain him pastor, if he desires. They also desire a discussion, and an expression, on certain important controverted points of doctrine.

No. 2—Is a petition and memorial from Zion church, Catawba county, N. C., in which the services of Rev. H. Goodman are desired to be continued. They also pray Synod to define whether the different denominations have the church or not, and also to show whether it is proper to say they have the church. They also pray that the next session of Synod be held in their church.

No. 3—Is a petition from Emanuel's church, Union county, N. C., desiring the continuation of the services of brother L. A. Fox, and praying that he be examined, and if found qualified, that he be ordained Pastor.

Nos. 4 & 5—Are petitions from Morning Star church, Mecklenburg co. N. C., and Bethlehem church, S. C., of similar import.

In reference to the questions presented for discussion to this body, in items 1 & 2 of this report, your committee recommend that said petitions be read before Synod. Respectfully submitted,

M. J. STIREWALT,
I. CONDER,
THOS. YOUNG.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That this report now be considered by items.

As to item 1st—It was resolved that a committee be appointed to give an expression of those controverted points of doctrine to next synod.

Committee—P. C. Henkel, M. J. Stirewalt, T. Moser.

Item 2d—It was resolved that a committee be appointed to give expression to that petition at next synod.

Committee—A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, C. Moretz.

Item 3d—Was disposed of at the request of L. A. and D. E. Fox, by continuing them as Licentiates.

Resolved, That brothers L. A. and D. E. Fox, be empowered by synod, under special cases, to confirm to the church.

Synod now adjourned until after sermon, which was delivered by Rev. J. R. Peterson, from Mat. xxii, 1—14.

TUESDAY, P. M.

Business was resumed.

At this period Rev T. Moser arrived and took his seat amongst us.

The committee to bring up the revised Constitution for the consideration of this body, handed in the following

REPORT: *Whereas*, it was made our duty to prepare and submit to synod a suitable plan for the revision of the Constitution of synod, we your committee, beg leave to submit the following:

That a session of synod convene at Zion church, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in March, 1864, at which time it is contemplated to consider the propriety or impropriety of adopting the Constitution submitted to synod at her session in 1860, with such suitable amendments as may be agreed upon, which shall then be printed and submitted to the different congregations, in connection with the Tennessee synod for their approval, amendment or rejection.

We, the ministers and lay-delegates of the present synod, unanimously and most earnestly entreat the ministers and congregations, not represented in the present session of synod, seriously to consider this matter, and such *ministers* to be present, and such *congregations* to be represented, each, by one lay-delegate. Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
M. J. STIREWALT,
W. LAWS,
J. F. PLONK.

This report was received and adopted.

The committee, to propose a plan to carry on Missionary labors in the army, made the following

REPORT: *Whereas*, this Synod is fully aware of the great necessity of doing something to supply our own soldiers in the Confederate Army with the preaching of the Gospel by our ministers,

1st. *Resolved*, That we establish an Army Mission in the following manner: Let as many ministers in connection with this synod as will subscribe

this resolution, be obligated to perform missionary labors in the Confederate army, for the period of one month in each year, if our funds and the situation of the army will permit.

2d. *Resolved*, That two ministers go at the same time, and that in rotation, being chosen by lot at each annual meeting of synod.

3d. *Resolved*, That their expenses, at least, be defrayed by donations obtained from the congregations by solicitation.

4th. *Resolved*, That those ministers, having performed such missionary visits as herein required, shall make a return of their traveling expenses to a Treasurer hereinafter provided, who shall pay said expenses out of the funds he may have in hands for said purpose.

5th. *Resolved*, That a Treasurer be appointed whose duty it shall be to receive such money as may be collected for the purpose herein stated.

6th. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the ministers, associated with this enterprise, to take up collections in their several congregations, semi-annually; and that they forward said collections to the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
H. GOODMAN,
J. F. PLONK.

This report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That Synod appoint a Treasurer to hold the funds for this Army Mission.

Moses Harmon was chosen, whose address is Newton, N. C.

Resolved, That Rev. P. C. Henkel, act as Corresponding Secretary with the army and our ministers, to gather and give information as to where our brethren may be found in the army.

Our brethren in the army will give note to this, and communicate their whereabouts to Rev. P. C. Henkel, Newton, N. C.

It was now

Resolved, That 1500 copies of our Minutes be printed, and that an essay, viz: "*A few Fragments on Regeneration*," by the late Rev. David Henkel, be appended.

Synod now adjourned till to-morrow morning.

LAST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, A. M.

Synod was opened by Rev. T. Moser, by singing and prayer. The roll was called, and the Minutes read and adopted.

A call was now made for young men desiring to be taken under care of Synod as students of Theology, when D. S. Henkel and D. A. Goodman made application.

A committee, (T. Moser, I. Conder, Eli Sigman,) was appointed to confer with these young men, as to their morals and motives.

The committee returned with a favorable report, and these young men were taken under care of Synod.

Resolved, That the next regular annual meeting of Synod be held in St.

Mark's church, Gaston county, N. C., to convene on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1864.

Parochial reports were handed in. *Vide* 2d page.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. R. Peterson return a vote of thanks to this vicinity for their hospitality.

Resolved, That Revs. T. Moser, M. J. Stirewalt, and J. M. Smith, be a committee to examine and license applicants for the Ministry.

Synod now adjourned till after sermon, which was preached by Rev. L. A. Fox, from Isaiah iii, 10. After this discourse, the President returned a vote of thanks, and, by singing and prayer, adjourned the Synod to meet at the time and place appointed.

J. M. SMITH, *Secretary*.

A TREATISE,

OR A FEW

FRAGMENTS ON REGENERATION,

By DAVID HENKEL.

FRAGMENT I.

Regeneration relates us to God, so that we are his children. We are made his children by faith, by which Christ's righteousness is imputed. The difference between an imputed righteousness and holiness, and righteous and holy principles implanted in our hearts, shewn.

By Nature we are "without Christ, aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, we have no hope, and are without God in the world." Eph. ii, 12. In this state we are truly miserable, for without God there is no substantial happiness. In order to obtain such happiness, we must sustain a new relation to God, and become his children. By our natural birth we have Adam's nature, which is defiled with sin, Rom. v, 12, and thus are destitute of righteousness and holiness. Being transgressors, we are under the curse of the law; judgment has been passed upon us unto condemnation. Rom. v, 18. Condemned by the law, we are by no means entitled to receive the gifts of the Spirit, which might arrest our wicked desires in their pernicious progress, and restore new and holy principles. Before this can take place we must be made children, so that we may be heirs; but a child pre-supposes a birth; hence to become a child of God, and to be born again, are phrases of a synonymous import.

But are we not the children of God by creation? are we not his offspring? Acts xvii, 28, 29. It must be admitted, that although we are fallen creatures; nevertheless God is our creator and preserver, and are possessed of the faculty of reason, and are thus superior to the brute creation. Our reasoning faculty is susceptible of receiving illumination from

God: for otherwise a divine revelation would be utterly useless to us.—This shews that a vestige of God's image, in which man was first created, still remains. God possesses a supreme reason, or an infinite understanding and wisdom. Man, therefore, even in his fallen state, possessing a rational faculty, imitates his creator, and is thus his offspring. We indeed have the faculty of reason or the eyes of an understanding, but cannot see without a light from heaven, of which we are destitute by nature. St. Paul says to the Ephesians: "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." Eph i, 18. Thus it is evident that the Ephesians had eyes of an understanding, even in a state of nature; otherwise they could not have been enlightened, and they surely were the workmanship of God. It would not have been possible for man either to have acted holy, or to have sinned, had he not possessed a reasoning faculty and moral liberty. For it would be no virtue in a being never to do wrong, if it were impossible to act otherwise. Virtue consists in delighting in, and choosing to act according to moral rectitude. But if it were impossible to do wrong, then there could be no choice in acting right; hence there could be no righteous actions, because such must proceed from a free choice. Man having done wrong, proves that he could have done right, and consequently that he yet possesses the faculty of reason, though directed opposite to the law.

Indeed our nature, since the fall, is inclined to sin; yet it is not sin itself: for if it were it could not be the creation of God; for he is holy; hence cannot be the creator of sin. The Son of God took human nature upon himself. Heb. ii, 14–18. He even in his incarnate state is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, ch vii, 26; therefore human nature cannot be sin itself. Thus it may properly be said that we are God's children by creation, and retain yet a vestige of his image; but in so far as we have sinned, we are by no means like him; hence not his children in this respect; for we are under condemnation, destitute of wisdom, righteousness and holiness. A new birth therefore is necessary; so that we might be justified, and becoming heirs of God, we might receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit sanctifying our nature. We are God's children, or born again by faith: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. iii, 26. "But to as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name." John i, 12. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God." 1 John v, 1. We become God's children by faith, because by it the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us. The righteousness of God was imputed to Abraham by faith, which also is imputed to us if we believe. Rom. iv, 13–24. When another person's actions, whether they be good or evil, are ascribed to me; so that I become a partaker thereof, it is called an imputation. The apostle St. John says, that whosoever bids a heretic God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. 2 Epist. v, 10, 11. Another person's deeds are imputed to me, when I acquiesce in, or sanction the same. But from the texts already quoted, it is evident that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us by faith. If his righteousness is imputed to us, then we are righteous, not for the sake of any merit in us, or any holy principles implanted in our hearts: for the righteousness is that of another being. That God is the righteousness of his people, is evident from the following texts: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be

called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jer. xxiii, 5, 6. In the Messiah Judah shall be saved, and Israel dwell safely, and his name shall be the Lord our righteousness. Thus the Lord Jesus is the righteousness of his people. "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall *one* say, In the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory." Isa. xlv, 22–25. The Lord to whom every knee shall bow and every tongue shall swear, is Jesus Christ in his mediatorial character. See Rom. xiv, 11; Phil. ii, 9–11. All tongues swearing to Jesus, and saying in the Lord have I righteousness and strength, and that all the seed of Israel shall be justified in him, and glory, proves that man is justified by an imputed righteousness. See also 1 Cor. i, 30, 31.

When a rational creature possesses upright principles, and acts according to moral rectitude, such may be called righteous, and such may glory in an own righteousness. But withal it would only be a creature righteousness, and by no means the righteousness of God, which consists not in any principles adhering to, or actions done by us: for it is the imputed righteousness of God. It is necessary to notice the distinction between the righteousness of God imputed, and the implanted gifts of the Spirit creating a new heart, and producing just and holy graces, ornamenting in the sight of men our life and conduct.

The righteousness of God, is imputed to us by faith; but sanctification relative to our nature is an operation in the heart disposing it to holy motives. The righteousness of God imputed to us, is not susceptible of being increased: for it is perfect; "for in him, i. e. Christ dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily; And ye are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power;" Col. ii, 9, 10; but the sanctification of our nature remains imperfect during this life by reason of the opposition of the flesh and other temptations; and although the graces of the Spirit are holy in their principles and most beautiful in their qualities; yet not all unholy volitions in the soul are eradicated; for ignorance and folly more or less are in every christian. Rom. vii, 14–24.

Because the distinction between the imputed righteousness of Christ, and the sanctification of our nature, or the fruits of the Spirit, is not observed, sundry important texts are misconstrued, and many persons rendered extremely uncomfortable. Knowing that the scriptures teach a christian perfection, they seek for this perfection in the sanctification of their nature; but yet, notwithstanding their best endeavors, constantly feeling sin, they conclude that they are unregenerated and under condemnation, and are thus extremely uncomfortable; whilst others imagining that they have attained to this sanctification, because they do not commit many outward wicked actions, are vile hypocrites.

Before the sanctification of our nature commences, we must be born again, or clothed with God's righteousness. Hence a new heart, or holy dispositions are not requisite to make us God's children; for such blessings we inherit because we are children, or they are the consequences following the new birth. This is proven in the following manner:

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Gal. iii,

13, 14. This text shews that whosoever receives the Spirit does it by faith. But it has already been proven that a believer is born again, hence a child of God. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts ii, 38. This also plainly shews that the gift of the Holy Ghost was received by the Jews after they obtained the remission for their sins.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Col. iii, 1–5. Now such as are risen with Christ, and whose life is hid with him in God, can be none else than those that have been born anew; and they are exhorted to seek the things that are above and to mortify their members upon earth: such as fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, &c. To do these things is the same as having holy principles. But those persons prior to having such principles are represented as true christians, which also proves that the new birth is prior to intellectual sanctification.

"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Gal. iv, 6. This text indicates that our son-ship is a reason why God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts; hence it is evident that the new birth is prior to the gift of fhe Spirit.

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of Spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness. Heb. xii, 6, 10.

Those that are chastened are said to be God's children. But why does God chasten his children? Is it for no purpose, but merely because he delights in seeing them afflicted? By no means: for that would be cruelty. Whom he chastens he loves, and the reason assigned for chastening us is that we might be partakers of his holiness. Whereas we frequently sin by reason of the flesh, or the old man, chastisements become indispensably necessary, in order that the flesh may be kept in subjection; otherwise we should not be made partakers of God's holiness. That God chastens his children, proves that their nature is yet sinful: for if not, why would chastisements be necessary? Such as confidently teach that when a man is born again, that his nature is so far changed, that he does not sin in any respect whatever, must deny, either, that God chastens his children, or else that he does it through cruelty or for nothing. To deny that God chastens his children would be contrary to the apostle's declaration; to suppose that he does it through cruelty or for nothing, would be forging a libel upon his holy character. What purpose should chastisements inflicted upon perfect holy creatures answer? Surely, none would be chastened for holiness. If it were not for the sins of God's people, the necessity of chastisements would be superseded. After the resurrection of the body, and when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put

on immortality, and when the sting of death, which is sin, shall utterly have been abolished, then there shall be neither crosses, nor afflictions of any description whatever; but an enjoyment of pure, perfect, uninterrupted, eternal felicity. The reason is obvious: because there shall be neither any temptation to sin, nor any sinful corruption cleaving to human nature in that blissful state of immortality.

FRAGMENT II.

The person who is regenerated, because of the flesh, frequently commits sins; hence it becomes necessary to be converted from his errors. But in the case of an apostacy a second graffing into Christ must take place; otherwise the person having apostatized cannot be restored.

The person that is regenerated, is truly ornamented with God's righteousness, and spiritual graces as a blessed consequence are implanted in the heart, which according to the language of the scriptures are called the inward, the new man, the Spirit; nevertheless he yet possesses the corruptions inherited by Adam's fall, which are called the flesh, or the old man. Sundry texts prove that the person that is born of God does nor commit sin; as for instance: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John iii, 9. Whereas on the contrary it is said that God's children sin. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John i, 8. The apostle John most certainly was a saint; notwistanding, he with others includes himself as not being without sin. St. Paul says, "If Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin: but the Spirit, is life because of righteousness." Rom. viii, 10. The allusion here is undoubtedly to God's children; for Christ is not in any others. The reason assigned for the death of a believer's body, is sin; hence as all saints' bodies die, they all have sin. Why are saints admonished to mortify their evil lusts if they had no sin? Col. iii, 5. Now since the scriptures ascribe holiness to every believer, and yet declare that none lives, without sinning, does not this imply a palpable contradiction? The scriptures by no means contradict themselves in making these repugnant declarations, but they thereby shew the contradiction in the believer's person: for in him there are two contrary principles, the one called the old, and the other the new man. The old man or the flesh we have inherited from Adam by a natural birth, but the new man is the consequence of regeneration. The carnal mind is not subject to the law of God; the new man delights in it; the former is sinful; the latter is holy. Thus it may be correctly said, that the christian is a sinner according to the flesh, but holy and without sin according to the new man, or the Spirit. St. Paul says, "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man." Rom. vii, 21, 22. In v. 25, he adds, "So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Thus we see that St. Paul served both the law of God, and the law of sin, but the former according to the inward man, and the latter according to the flesh. Two contrary principles ever will be at war with each other, until the one or the other shall be overcome. For this reason it is said that "the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Gal. v, 17.

This being the case, the flesh frequently conquers, and we fall into sins. But as it is the will of God, when we are thus fallen, that we again should rise, he calls upon us to repent of and be converted from our follies. Our blessed Saviour said unto his disciples, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Mat. xviii, 3. The context plainly indicates that they were elated with pride; seeing they contended for rank and superiority in the kingdom of heaven. But they were certainly previously regenerated; for Jesus told them, "Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke x, 20. That a man whose name is written in heaven, is regenerated admits of no dispute. Now since the disciples were born again, and yet were exhorted to be converted, it is evident that regeneration and conversion are to be distinguished. Again, Christ predicting the fall of Peter, said unto him, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke xxii, 31, 32. In this also, the distinction between regeneration and conversion is manifest: for Peter, even when he had fallen into sin had not lost his faith, but was converted. This distinction is briefly described thus: regeneration takes place when a person by faith is adopted as a child of God, and clothed with his righteousness; whereas conversion takes place when such a person falls into sin and again repents. The pious Psalmist prayed "Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore me unto the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free Spirit." Ps. li, 9–12. The Psalmist praying that God might hide his face from his sins, for a clean heart, for the renewing of a right spirit within him, for the restoration unto the joy of God's salvation, thereby confesses himself guilty of some enormous crimes; and yet the same time praying: take not thy holy Spirit from me, indicates that he was a child of God; otherwise he would not have had the holy Spirit.

Thus it is evident that God's children may fall into sin; and yet be renewed by conversion. But when they commit sin they shall be chastened. God having promised Christ a numerous host of children, says: "My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah." Ps. lxxxix, 28–37. Every believer is a living branch in Christ the true vine bringing forth good fruit; but as all branches may have excresences, they must be pruned to render the fruit better and more abundant. God purges such branches that they may bring forth more fruit; this frequently is done by chastisements. It is in vain for any christian to suppose that because he is saved by faith, he may indulge himself in vices, remaining impenitent: for God's fatherly love and care require that his crimes should be visited with the rod and with stripes; otherwise he would become utterly miserable, and never be

a partaker of holiness. Some men, even such as profess to be believers, presume that the doctrine of justification by faith alone without any good works leads to licentiousness; hence preach that good works as well as faith, are indispensably necessary to salvation. But let such consider that it is not possible according to God's own declarations, for his children to fall into vices, remaining impenitent, and not to be scourged. He chastens them by various means: such as by sickness, loss of friends, poverty, suffering their enemies to injure them, and by many other afflictions. Let that professor therefore, who is without any fatherly chastisements, not consider himself a child of God, but a bastard.

It is thus evident, that all sins God's children commit may be repented of, and consequently be pardoned; except they commit the sin unto death and apostatize. It is said, "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."—Rom. viii, 13. If any man see his brother sin a sin, *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 1 John v, 16. What manner of death is it which those shall die who do not mortify the deeds of the flesh, or commit the sin unto death? It can by no means be the natural death of the body: for it is evident that no man can escape that by crucifying the flesh. I presume it is the same which Adam died the day on which he transgressed. It was said unto him: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. ii, 17. This could not have alluded to a temporal death: for to suppose it, would be contrary to fact, seeing he afterwards lived many years. His bodily death was announced to him after the transgression in the following words: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground: for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Gen. iii, 19. His body returning to the ground plainly indicates his bodily death. Neither could the allusion be to what by some divines is called the eternal death, i. e. endless punishments in hell: for to suppose that, would also be contrary to fact, seeing that he did not that day go to hell; nor have we any reason to believe that he ever did. Neither could he in one day (or that same day) have suffered endless punishments: for one day is not endless. He must hence have died legally, i. e. became dead in sin, deprived of spiritual light and and life. His conduct after his fall shews the darkness of his mind: for when the Lord God called unto him, and said unto him, "Where *art* thou? he said, I heard thy voice in the garden; and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." Gen iii, 9, 10. This seems as if he imagined that he could hide himself from an all-seeing God, which manifests his intellectual blindness. This spiritual death is mentioned by St. Paul: "And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and in sins." Eph ii, i, and v. 4, 5—"but God, who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved.") All men by nature are thus spiritually dead, i. e. their understanding is without divine light, and their hearts without divine life and are under the curse of the law; and in this state they remain, until they are made spiritually alive by Christ. He says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John v, 24. By passing from death unto life cannot signify in this passage passing from a bodi-

ly death to a life after the resurrection of the body, as it alludes to men believing in this world; hence alludes to a passage from a spiritual death to a spiritual life. Now since the apostle declares that such as live after the flesh shall die, it is evident that they will be deprived of divine life and die spiritually in sin. Such as are exhorted to mortify the deeds of the flesh, lest they die, are spiritually alive, that is true believers: for if they were not how could they die? For unbelievers are already by nature dead in sin, hence it is impossible for such to die, unless it was possible for a dead person to die.

That such persons who apostatize cannot be renewed again unto repentance, is proven by the following passage: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame." Heb. vi, 4–6.

Though it be evident from the proofs already stated, that a believer may apostatize and die; nevertheless, this is positively denied by those who maintain the doctrine of absolute election and reprobation. They suppose such a final apostacy impossible in consequence of God's promises to keep his children safely, as for instance: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all: and none is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand." John x, 27, 29. It must be admitted, that not only according to this, but also according to sundry other texts, no child of God, nor none of his sheep as such, ever did, or ever shall be finally lost. But it is to be remembered that this is not properly the point in question. The question is not, whether any of God's children, or sheep may be utterly lost? but whether any of his children may not become unbelievers, or his sheep become goats? If any of his children become unbelivers, or his sheep become goats, then if they perish it can by no means be said that any of God's children or sheep have perished; because after becoming infidels or goats, they are not children or sheep. It is by no means absurd to affirm that no unbeliever shall ever be saved: for "he that believeth not is condemned already." John iii, 18—but it would be contrary to fact, to suppose that an unbeliever, may not become a believer: seeing that sundry of the most eminent saints once had been unbelievers. Whenever it shall be proven that no believer can ever become an unbeliver, then only shall the impossibility of a final apostasy be established. But since there is no text affirming this, it must be concluded that sheep may become goats, or saints become sinners. St. Jude in describing a certain wicked class of wicked men, calls them "trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots." v. 12. Now it may be asked, how such could have been twice dead? They undoubtedly once had been dead in sin by nature; but how could they have been dead the second time if they had not been made spiritually alive to God, and then have died, i. e. apostatized? It is out of the question to conclude otherwise, than that such must have been spiritually alive, and then have apostatized.

When a man commits the sin unto death he loses his faith, without which no man can receive forgiveness. It is therefore not strange when a person has been made spiritually alive, and loses his faith, that he should

be in a similar, or perhaps a worse state than he was when an unbeliever in a state of nature, or before ever he was regenerated. He who commits the sin unto death must undoubtedly lose his faith, otherwise he would still live, because it is out of the question for any one to believe on the Son of God and not to have eternal life.

If the deeds of the flesh be not mortified, faith will be lost, and a spiritual death will be the consequence. They are to be mortified through the Spirit. The word of God is Spirit and life: "the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life," John vi, 63. It is an incorruptible seed, which effects regeneration. 1 Pet. i, 23–25. 1 Cor. iv, 15. James i, 18. It is a heavenly light. Ps. cxix, 105. 2 Pet. i, 19. It is called the sword of the Spirit. Eph. vi, 17. It is not only the means by which faith cometh; Rom. x, 17: but it is also to keep one from sinning: "thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. cxix, 11. The word of God being the principal means to beget faith and to mortify the deeds of the flesh, it is evident that by rejecting or perverting it faith is lost. For the word being light, spirit and life, is calculated to illumine the soul, to make it spiritual, and to give it eternal life. Consequently if a believer should neglect or pervert it, his heart must become dark, carnal and dead: for the want of light is darkness, of the Spirit carnality, and of life death. Thus when Adam and Eve disregarded the word of the Lord, they became dark, carnal and dead. Hence I conclude that a neglect or a perversion of God's word after being regenerated is the sin unto death: for without this word there can be no faith, and without that the soul must die. The following passages confirm this conclusion: "Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provcke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is;* but exhorting *one another:* and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Heb. x, 23–29.

In the public assemblies of christians the word of God is preached, the Spirit and the holy ordinances administered; hence by neglecting such, the word is despised. Neglecting this word after having received the knowledge of the truth is called a wilful sin. A man receives the knowlege of the truth by the hearing of the gospel; hence when he neglects, and thus despises it, he acts from knowledge, and sins with deliberation. This word is spirit, the agency of not only begetting, but also of preserving faith and of mortifying the deeds of the flesh; it reveals Jesus the only sacrifice for sins, and brings nigh his blood, the blood of the covenant: consequently he that rejects or perverts this word has done despite unto the Spirit of grace, and trodden the Son of God under foot; in short, he dies, becoming an infidel. An infidel rejects the sacrifice of Jesus. Under the dispensation of the law there were many sacrifies, so that if one was neglected another could be obtained; but under the gospel there can be but one sacrifice, namely: that of Jesus Christ, and whilst that is rejected

there is no possibility of salvation. Men were put to death for despising Moses' law; they suffered a bodily death; but the rejection of Jesus and his gospel will subject the transgressor to a sorer punishment: for losing his faith, he shall die a spiritual death, which in its consequences is more dreadful than that of the body. See also Heb. xii, 25.

The question, whether a person after having apostatized can ever again get to believe and be saved? deserves an examination. It would be erroneous to affirm that it would be impossible with God, or repugnant to any of his attributes ever to restore an apostate person. But it would rather be congenial to his boundless love and mercy, not utterly to debar apostates from a restoration. An apostate person is one, who has lost his faith and has become dead, and is in a similar state to one who never has been regenerated. Now the one who never has been regenerated, being an unbeliever has no forgiveness, he is dead, the wrath of God abiding on him; nor can he ever, as an unbeliever, obtain pardon; the apostate having become an unbeliever, by no means has any forgiveness: seeing he is punished with spiritual death, the consequences of which are most terrible. Now since he who never was a believer may get to be such by the proper use of means; even so there is nothing contained in the scriptures positively denying that an apostate may obtain faith and be saved. It may indeed become extremely difficult for an apostate person to obtain faith; for God may, with a view to punish him, place him in a situation so that he may not have an opportunity of hearing the genuine gospel, and consequently bring many other judgments upon him; yet it is not utterly impossible, nor improbable for the Lord again to visit him with the true gospel.

The passage in Heb. vi, 4–6, declaring the impossibility of again renewing those to repentance, who were once enlightened, &c., which many presume is sufficient to prove that no apostate can ever be restorod, does not prove it. It simply proves that an apostate cannot again be renewed to repentance; but does not say that he may never get to be a believer. An unbeliever cannot be renewed to faith: for he possess none to which, or in which, he might be renewed. To renew a thing in a man or to renew him to it, pre-supposes him not to be destitute of it: for if so, he could not be renewed in it, as he would have first to receive it. St. Paul exhorts the Ephesians, "to be renewed in the Spirit of their mind." Eph. iv. 23. Now let us suppose the Ephesians not to have possessed any Spirit of mind at all, would it not have been absurd for him to have exhorted them to be renewed in it? Now for any to be renewed to repentence, pre-supposes such to possess penitent principles. But such as have lost their faith, hence all penitent principles, cannot be renewed to repentance: for its evident that one cannot be renewed to that which he does not possess. It might as well be argued, that because a person who never had faith cannot be renewed to faith; therefore it is impossible for him ever to obtain faith; as to conclude, because a believer having apostatized and being thus without faith, can never be renewed to it, that therefore he can never obtain faith. Who would suppose that an unbeliever can never get to be a believer? Yet it is plain that he cannot be renewed to faith.

St. Paul speaking to the Galatians, says: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." ch. iv, 19. To travail in birth again implies having once before travailed in birth; hence those Galatians had once before been regenerated. The phrase, "til Christ be formed in you," supposes such to be without Christ: otherwise it would

not have been necessary for him to have been formed in them, and they that are without Christ are unbelievers. Although, it may not be proven that all the Galatians to whom this epistle had been addressed had apostatized: for some at least are called God's children having his Spirit in their hearts. ch. iv, 6; and some were spiritual, who were exhorted to restore such as were overtaken in a fault, ch. vi, 1; nevertheless it is manifest that a considerable number of them had apostatized. For the apostle asks: "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? ch. iii, 3—"they knew God, or rather were known of him; yet they turned again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto they desired again to be in bondage," ch. iv, 9. All this proves that they were deluded, intending to be justified by the law, which proves that they had fallen from grace. "For," saith the apostle, "I testify again to every man that is circumcised that he is a debtor to do the whole law.—Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace," ch. v, 3, 4. Those Galatians who were induced to apostatize by false teachers, the apostle labored to restore to faith, or to graff them into Christ again; so that he might be formed in them. He certainly believed that by his instrumentality they again might be graffed into Christ: otherwise he as a wise and inspired apostle would not have labored for their restoration. For no wise man will labor for that which he positively knows can never be regained.

FRAGMENT III.

It is shewn that a regenerated person is not in legal bondage, but posseses spiritual liberty, &c.

Children of God are free from legal bondage. They are in the kingdom of God, which is "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost;" Rom. xiv, 17; hence already are measurably happy. Whereas those, who are in legal bondage cannot be happy: for there is no harmony between bondage and felicity. St. Paul says: "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Rom. 8, 15.

God's law is truly good and holy, and if man never had transgressed it, he could be under no condemnation, and hence it would be for ever his delight. But man having transgressed it, he is under its curse, and deprived of God's Spirit, he is opposed to it; and yet being under its obligation, is in legal bondage. For bondage is when one is opposed to a thing; and yet, contrary to one's inclination must be under its obligation. This is the case of an unbeliever with respect to the law. He has no delight in it; yet he realizes no other righteousness, but that which is by the law, and is thus contrary to his own will under its obligation, and sees no alternative, but either to fulfil it, or else suffer its penalty.

Had man never transgressed the law, he would by all means live by it, and be happy. But since he has transgressed the law, it can by no means answer this purpose; neither is this the design of its revelation since the fall. The charter of our salvation we find in the Arahamic covenant. The promises made therein are to Christ in his mediatorial character—"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to

seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." Gal. iii, 16. Christ according to the flesh is Abraham's seed; hence to him in his incarnate state God made the promises. God gave him the world of mankind. "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession." Ps. ii, 7, 8. This inheritance he redeemed from the power of Satan. Heb. ii, 13–15.

Therein also the promise of blessings is made unto all men. "In thee, (i. e. in Abraham,) shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. xii, 3. Since a promise of blessing in the Messiah is made to all the families of the earth, it is evident they may all become heirs. Now such as believe and thus are made children, also become heirs; for "if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." Rom. viii, 17. The blessings promised are Christ, in whom we have eternal life, and the gifts of the holy Spirit.

He that inherits an estate could not have merited it: for if one merits something, it may be obtained justly as a debt; yet by no means as an inheritance. If it be by debt then it is not inherited, and if inherited then it cannot be by debt. If we be heirs of salvation, then no good work whatsoever is necessary to obtain it:—"Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" Rom. iv, 5.

It must also be observed that after a testamentary devise is confirmed, no alteration, nor addition is to be admitted. This rule is generally observed with respect to a man's testament. The testament of God surely is entitled to no less regard. "Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant; yet *if it* be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many: but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, *That* the covenant that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise." Gal. iii, 15–18.

This covenant was confirmed by an oath:—"For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself: Saying, surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." Heb. vi, 13–18. Since this testamentary devise has been confirmed by Jehovah's oath by himself, it can never possibly be changed. For God is an unchangeable being, even so is his oath by himself. Neither can this testament be disannulled by any thing on earth, or in hell, or in heaven; nor by time, nor by eternity: nor can God himself revoke it, unless he could change and commit perjury by his holiness, which would be utterly impossible.

It is also a daring diabolical attempt for any man to add the least thing to this testament as necessary unto salvation, seeing it is a testament of man's salvation, and has been confirmed by two immutable things. How shameful is therefore the conduct of such preachers, who teach that a man is not justified before God by faith alone, but also by the good works of the law! They attempt to add the law to the testament of man's salvation. If not, why do they maintain that a man must do good works in order to be saved? How is it possible for the works of the law to be the least condition of man's salvation, when it was not incorporated with the Abrahamic covenant; but was given four hundred and thirty years after this covenant had been confirmed? Had it ever been God's design that man should be saved by good works in the least degree, he would not have delayed the law four hundred and thirty years; but would immediately entered it into the Abrahamic covenant. The covenant of the law was not at all made with Abraham. Moses said: "The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day." Deut. v, 2, 3. Now since the covenant of Abraham includes the blessing of salvation for all men, the covenant made at Horeb four hundred and thirty years afterwards can by no means be necessary to our justification before God.

Indeed sin was in the world before the law was given on Mount Sinai, but without the law it cannot be imputed. "For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law." Rom. v, 13. In order, therefore, that sin might appear in its deformity, the law was revealed. "Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made, &c., Gal. iii, 19 Moreover, the law entered that the offence might abound: but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Rom. v, 20. "I had not known sin but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet," ch. vii, 7. Because sin is a transgression of the law, the law as a bright mirror manifests sin in its original deformity. By this means men are convinced of the justice of being under condemnation, their utter ruin, their inability of being restored by any personal merit, or intellectual rectitude; it also begets a desire in them to be released from bondage, and proves the necessity of an almighty Saviour. Without being thus convinced, no man would ever come to Christ for salvation: for who is he that wishes to be justified, if he does not previously know himself to be unjust, and under condemnation? or that wishes to be made free, if he does not know himself to be in bondage? or that wishes to see life, if he does not know that he is in death? The law is therefore, properly called our schoolmaster. "Before faith came we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." Gal. iii, 23–25. Heirs, who are in a minor age are kept under tutors and governors for a certain period, during which they cannot have the estate in their own hands, nor enjoy perfect liberty. The church of God before the incarnation of Christ was in a minor age; and although having been appointed heirs in the Abrahamic covenant, yet could not enjoy perfect liberty, but were under tutors and governors, i. e. under the legal dispensation. The apostle states the following with respect to this subject:

"Now I say, *that* the heir, as long as he is a child,

differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord *of* all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of son." Gal. iv, 1–5. How plainly this text shews that the law served as a tutor and governor over the church until the dispensation of the gospel. Since the law therefore, is designed to reveal our guilt and bring us unto Christ, it is evident that it loses its jurisdiction over us after we have come to Christ. Every believer, because he is in Christ is divorced from the law. The apostle illustrates this by the following simile: "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. So then, if while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of Spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter." Rom. vii, 1–6. By these words we are taught that like as death divorces a woman from her husband, even so we are delivered from the law, being dead to it by the body of Christ. How then can he be a believer in Christ, who yet seeks salvation by the good works of the law? He who is under the law enjoys no liberty, but is in a state of bondage. See Gal. iv, 21–31.

Whilst a man seeks to be saved by the works of the law he is under it, and can by no means be freed from sin. Although, the law be good and holy; nevertheless it is the life and strength of sin. "But sin taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." Rom. vii, 8, 9. Now if without the law sin be dead, and if by it sin is revived, then it may with propriety be concluded that the law is the life of sin; and also because sin by it takes occasion to work all manner of concupiscence.

When the law, as the apostle says, revives sin, it proves death to the sinner. "For when the commandment came, sin revived and I died."—What manner of death did he die? The apostle cannot allude to a bodily death: for he then, even when he had said "I died," had been alive with respect to his body. Nor can he allude to an eternal death, i. e. everlasting punishments in hell; for he was not in hell. It is evident that he had died a spiritual death, i. e. dead in sin, legally separated from God from whom flow light and life, of which the sinner is deprived by the law.—Now since the law revives sin, by which the sinner dies a spiritual death, he must whilst under the law be separated from God; hence be destitute of the Spirit, light and life. For this reason it is properly said: "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law;" 1 Cor. xv, 56: "the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life;" and the ministration of death

was written and engraven on stones. 2 Cor. iii, 6, 7. Instead therefore of being justified by the law, our sins are thereby revived and we remain dead under the curse: "for as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse." Gal. iii, 10. If therefore, any man would be made alive, let him by no means continue under the law, but let him come to Christ by faith. Now since the law keeps sin alive which proves the sinner's death, is it not horrid when preachers affirm and teach that it is not sufficient unto salvation for a man to believe in Christ; but that he cannot be saved unless he also keeps the law? By preaching the law sinners are kept in death and bondage. The law mongers are therefore, nothing but the bearers of the dead, and there is no life nor salvation in their ministry. It is clearly to be understood, that if sin be deprived of its life, which is the law, that it must die, and the death of sin will prove the sinner's spiritual life. We are exhorted to mortify the deeds of the flesh; and the flesh is to be crucified with the affections and lusts thereof. By the flesh is to be understood the wicked and sinful disposition of the heart: in short the sinful corruptions of our nature. Now are our sinful members or our sins to be mortified by the deeds of the law, or by our own good endeavors? By no means For it has already been proven that the law revives sin. Now in the name of common sense how can that which revives sin, be a means to mortify sin, or to crucify the flesh? If we would die unto sin, we must deprive it of its life, which is the law; in short we must be dead to the law by the body of Christ. Accordingly I conclude, that when we are free from the law, sin is mortified, or our old man is crucified with Christ, that the body of sin might be destroyed: seeing that which looses its life must die: the law is the life of sin; the believer is dead to the law; hence sin has lost its life; therefore it is dead, and he lives unto God. Such therefore, as suppose that this doctrine leads to licentiousness are much mistaken: for how can a man be a slave to sin when he is not under the law but whose life is hid with Christ in God? Can there be sin where there is no law? No!—For sin is a transgression of the law; "sin is not imputed when there is no law." Rom. v, 13. Indeed we have sinful corruptions which we have inherited by Adam's transgression. But can they injure us? can they be imputed to us without the law? No!—Who then is the man, who preaches holiness? Does he preach holiness, who maintains that a man must keep the law? No!—He is far from it: for he that preaches salvation by good works breathes the very breath of life into the body of sin, so that it lives, bringing forth fruit unto death.—Does he preach holiness that maintains that we are dead to the law? By all means. For when there is no law sin is not imputed; when sin is not imputed, there is holiness. Look at this ye self-righteous law mongers, and be ashamed.

The law mongers say: if we be free from the law then we can do as we please, and indulge ourselves in all manner of licentiousness. This is the language of those who are in bondage. They presume if they had liberty, they would make it a pander of wickedness, and thus give us clearly to understand, that if it were not through fear of the law there would be no limit to their licentiousness. To preach salvation through free grace, they imagine would never induce sinners to abstain from wickedness; hence for this reason they deem it necessary to coerce them by the terrors of the law, and thus all the supposed good they do is through slavish fear.

Such as attempt to be saved by good works, being under the law, are spiritually dead. Now we know that a dead thing cannot move, nor act of itself: as for instance, a lifeless machine must be moved either by a

man's hand, or by beasts or by water, or by steam. Whereas a living being moves by reason of life peculiar to itself; hence needs no other power to enforce it into action. Now the law mongers are like unto lifeless machines; it is therefore, not to be wondered at why they expect to be forced to all the supposed good they do by legal terrors by self-invented church-rules, and systematical or machinal associations. Nor is it to be wondered at why it has become necessary to publish their donations to supposed good institutions, and the good they have effected, in the public gazettes and periodical magazines: for this public applause which they anticipate is the steam to put those dead machines into operation.

But the regenerated person possesses spiritual life, and not being under the law, enjoys liberty; consequently this divine life in him is the source of many noble actions: for he delights in the law of God after the inward man. He is not under the obligation of the law, but the law is written in his heart; in him therefore it is a living law, a God-like volition. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. Heb. viii, 10.

For the purpose of illustrating this subject more amply, I shall subjoin a few observations on the following passage:

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection: knowing this that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin; but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. vi, 3–11. Christ is said to be the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Rev. xxii, 16. He is the true vine and christians are the branches; John xv, 1–5. He is a righteous, holy root full of life and immortality. Holy baptism by the aforesaid text is represented as the instrument by which we are graffed into this root, this immortal vine. We by nature are sinners, under the curse of the law, spiritually dead; hence have no power to live spiritually. But when we are graffed into Christ, the tree of life, we must also partake of his life.—If a thousand graffs be graffed into a tree, so as to grow, they with it constitute one tree. The many thousand believers being graffed into Christ with him are one mystic tree of immortality. They (yet not personally) are one Christ. For this unity he prayed:—"that they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." John xvii, 21–23. This sacerdotal prayer in-

cludes a oneness of all believers, and also a oneness with Christ and the Father. They are "rooted and built up in him." Col. ii, 7. Because the many millions of saints are so many graffs in Christ, the tree of life deriving nourishment out of his fullness, they are properly said to be "members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Eph. v, 30. It was therefore said, when Saul was persecuting christians that he persecuted Christ himself. Acts ix, 4. It is also said, that in feeding and clothing, &c., christians, one feeds and clothes Christ himself. Mat. xxv, 35–40.—Now since they are one with him, it is evident that they can have no righteousness acquired by the good works of the law, but that they are righteous and holy in him. Being planted into his death by baptism we are by all means divorced from the law; hence freed from sin: for he that is dead is freed from sin. But as we are planted in his death, we also rise with him into a new and endless life Thus we are both dead and alive: dead to sin, but alive to God. The apostle says, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Col. iii, 3. The reason assigned why we live is because we are buried in his death; hence no man can live by the law for it cannot give life. Because we are planted into Christ's death, and are risen with him, our old man is crucified, so that the body of sin might be destroyed. Evil lusts are called members: "mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affections, evil concupiscence, and coveteousness, which is idolatry." Col. iii, 5. Many members connected constitute a body. Many sinful lusts connected constitute the body of sin. This body of sin is destroyed by being in Christ's death, and consequently risen with him, and hence becoming dead to the law. Thus we see that the sanctification of our nature is the blessed result of justification by faith without good works. Forasmuch as we are planted into Christ's death, we are dead to the law, which is the life and strength of sin; consequently sin has lost its life when we are free from the law; hence sin must die, and we have everlasting life through Jesus Christ. If we be free from the law then surely we must enjoy liberty. Such as contend that we are yet under the law, or that the fulfilling of it is necessary unto justification must also suppose that we are in a state of bondage. Such therefore do not only preach the law as a condition, but they also invent a number of church-rules and laws, and establish systematical institutions for doing supposed good, which are no where commanded in the scriptures, and threaten their people with excommunication, or at least with future damnation if they refuse compliance. If St. Paul could say with respect to the very laws and institutions of God under the old testament dispensation: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ;" Col. ii, 16, 17; with how much more propriety may not christians now be exhorted: let no modern priesthood judge you with respect to their self-invented institutions, which are calculated to promote their aggrandizement.

To be in the kingdom of God, supposes a state of enjoying happiness. But there is no happiness in bondage. Bondage is an element of hell and misery. Such as preach bondage, preach misery. Liberty is an element of heaven, of happiness: for "where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there is liberty." 2 Cor. iii, 17.

FRAGMENT IV.

Concerning the testimony of our adoption.

There are various means by which we may know a thing. The principal knowledge we have of persons and things is by sight and testimony. Objects that we see, carry the proof of their existence within themselves; or properly speaking are self-evident; hence are not susceptible of being proven by any other testimony. As for instance: when I see the sun in his meridian glory, it is impossible for any one to prove to me by any testimony whatever that such a luminary exists: for since he is an object of my sight his existence is self-evident. But things that we never saw, we should know nothing of them without some other sensible representation or a testimony. Because things invisible to us can only be known by testimony, such a knowledge is called faith or belief: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. xi, 1. Persons and things that are invisible to us, are therefore only to be realized by sure witnesses. Thus whatsoever is known by testimony cannot be an object of our senses. Causes may also be known by their effects: as for instance: we see a house, which indicates a builder.

Divine and heavenly things are invisible, they therefore cannot be apprehended by our senses, nor are they self-evident, but may be only known by testimony; hence the pretensions of those who presume to have received those things in a sensible manner are extremely absurd.

God does by no means require intelligent creatures to believe any thing without a sufficient testimony. Thus when Jesus Christ was made flesh, there were the most unequivocal testimonies accompanying his mission, commanding belief in his Messiah-ship. His lineage, the place of his nativity, his personage, &c., corresponded as accurately to the predictions of Moses, of the Psalms and of the Prophets, as a portrait to its original.—John the Baptist bore explicit testimony of his person; and when he was baptized in Jordan, the heavens were opened, the Holy Ghost dove-like descending upon him, and the Father's voice saying from heaven: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Mat. iii, 16, 17. His own miracles also constituted an invincible chain of testimonies, sufficient to command belief in his divine character. But if in case our blessed Saviour had not such testimonies, who could have known whether he was the Son of God, or an imposter?

Regeneration and our spiritual life are invisible. Now since no invisible things may be apprehended in a sensible manner, but only can be known by testimony, it is evident that we can known nothing concerning our adoption, but by testimonies. The holy Spirit bears this testimony: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Rom. viii, 16. By the fruits of the Spirit in us, a testimony is borne of our adoption. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Gal. v, 22, 23. When all those fruits are either in us, or in others, we see effects, which cannot flow from any other source, but from the Holy Spirit. For such fruits cannot proceed from our own nature; seeing that is corrupted and sinful; nor from the devil; seeing that he is the author of lies, hatred, &c. It is true, hypocrites may and do counterfeit those fruits of the Spirit:

yet upon a close examination it will appear, that those pretended fruits do not flow from a living principle; but they are affected and machinal, and are merely a fictitious pious parade.

Whereas the flesh in us frequently most violently opposes the Spirit, it requires a close examination to perceive this testimony. When the flesh rages, it beclouds the spiritual graces in the soul, and thus arise temptations of despair. Notwithstanding, whilst the fruits of the Spirit are in us; though beclouded by carnal and diabolical temptations; we may recognize the Holy Ghost's testimony of our adoption. For as little as the clouds which hide the splendor of the sun can blot out his existence, even so little can the temptations of the flesh and of satan prove away our adoption. They rather establish that we are God's children. If not, why should we be tempted? why should the flesh rage? He who is already a child of the devil living according to the will of the wicked flesh, can have no strife, nor conflict in his soul: for devil agrees with devil, and wickedness is not at war with wickedness. Only contrary things or persons are at variance with each other. A war in the christian's soul supposes two contrary principles. The flesh and the spirit are contrary the one to the other. If there was no other principle in us save the flesh, there would be no war: for the flesh does not oppose the flesh. But when there is a war in us, we then know that we have the Spirit, by which we are sealed, having the pledge of our heavenly inheritance, Eph. i, 13, 14.

Texts of scripture describing the fruits of the Spirit are frequently misapplied by attempting to prove, that those fruits are necessary unto our justification. Instead of viewing them as testimonies of the Spirit of our adoption, they are viewed as conditions of our salvation, which erroneous viewing is the reason of delusion.

Under the old Testament dispensation prayers were offered with sacrafices. When the sacrifices were consumed by fire from heaven, the worshipper had a testimony that he was accepted of God. As for instance: we see when God answered Elijah with fire from heaven consuming his sacrifices; whereas the priests of Baal received no such answer; hence were rejected. See 1 Kings 18. But under the gospel dispensation we cannot properly offer our prayers with any other sacrifice, but the only one, which is Jesus Christ. Our prayers offered through him will be accepted. Genuine prayers are produced by the Holy Spirit in us. See Rom. viii, 26, 27. Gal. iv, 6. Now when our prayers are heard and granted the Holy Ghost bears an ample testimony of our adoption, as St. John says: "this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." 1 John v, 14. This is truly an illustrious testimony. When the worshipper under the old Testament dispensation saw his sacrifice consumed by heavenly fire, he was certain of his acceptance; even so we, when we get the things for which we pray, we have a great confidence of our adoption.

When we pray, it ought to be done according to God's will, which is revealed in the scriptures. We should by no means offer them to God by reason of own merits, but only in the name of Jesus. We are taught that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord, but that he had no respect to him, nor to his offering. Cain's sacrifice being the fruit of the ground, it is plain that it was produced by the labors of his own hands; or the fruits of agriculture. This shews that his sacrifice was self-righteousness, or own merit. He is a true type of all self-righteous

persons, who offer up their prayers with their supposed good works, and pray for the prosperity of self-invented institutions. Whereas Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock, and he was accepted. Gen. iv, 3–5. Now we know that a lamb or goat, which is understood by the firstling of the flock was a type of Jesus Christ, the only sacrifice through which we are accepted. Cain shewed his unbelief by his sacrifice being that of his own works; but Abel manifested his faith in Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, when he offered the firstling of his flock; hence it is said: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh." Heb. xi, 4. Let therefore men pray through Jesus Christ, then they shall be heard and have a testimony of their adoption.

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PASTORS.	Congregations,	Communicants,	Baptisms. Infants,	Baptisms. Adults,	Baptisms. Slaves,	Confirmations,	Burials,
Rev. A. J. FOX,	5	700	50	2	0	20	64
" J. R. PETERSON,	6	400	35	0	1	15	..
" P. C. HENKEL,	4	620	41	6	9	160	43
" T. MOSER,	2	...	..	.	.	..	..
" J. M. SMITH,	3	350	27	0	2	19	59
" D. E. FOX,	1	..	20	0	2	..	..
" M. J. STIREWALT,	3	200	20	0	0	..	..

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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SYNOD.

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Evan. Luth. Tenn. Synod, will convene in St. Mark's, Gaston county, N. C. on Saturday before the second Sunday in October; and the extra session of Synod will convene in Zion church, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, 1864.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MINUTES.

St. John's church,	$10 00	St. Luke's church,	2 25
Millar's do	10 00	Lutheran Chapel ch.	2 25
St. Paul's do	10 00	Philadelphia church,	5 00
Hoss' do	12 00	Christ's do	2 00
Sharon do	5 00	Rev. A. Efird,	5 00
St. Martin's do	10 00	" H. Goodman,	15 00
St. Peter's do	10 00	" I. Conder,	16 00
Zion's do	2 25	" P. C. Henkel,	15 00
St. Daniel's do	1 00	" J. M. Smith,	3 00
Trinity do	1 25	" T. Moser,	2 00
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Salem do	5 00	" A. J. Fox,	75
Friendship do	2 50	" M. J. Stirewalt,	2 00
Salem do	2 50	Mr. M. Isenhour,	1 00
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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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SATURDAY, Oct. 17, 1863.

PURSUANT to a resolution of its last meeting, this body convened in St. John's church, Catawba county, N. C. A sermon was preached by Rev. H. Goodman, from Gal. iii, 13. After a short intermission, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt preached a sermon from Heb ii, 1—4.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

A large assembly being convened, the exercises were opened by Rev. C. Moretz, who preached from St. John xii, 21. After a short recess, Rev. A. J. Fox preached from Rev. ii, 7. After this the Lord's Supper was administered. A feeling of interest and devotion pervaded the people.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 19, A. M.

Synod met, was opened by prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson. The roll was called, absentees noted, and certificates of lay-delegates handed in.

The following is a list of the ministers and lay-delegates of this body:

Ordained Ministers.	*Post-Office.*
1. Rev. A. Henkel,*	New-Market, Va.
2. " H. Goodman,	Statesville, N. C.
3. " J. Killian,*	Waynesboro', Va.
4. " J. Stirewalt,*	New-Market, Va.
5. " H. Wetzel,*	———
6. " J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, N. C.
7. " A. Efird,†	Lexington, S. C.
8. " S. Henkel,*	New-Market, Va.
9. " George Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Va.

Ordained Ministers.	*Post-Office.*
10. Rev. A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, N. C.
11. " J. R. Moser,*	Castor, Mo.
12. " C. J. Rietzel,	Flint Rock, N. C.
13. " P. C. Henkel,	Newton, N. C.
14. " T. Moser,	Taylorsville, N. C.
15. " J. M. Wagner,*	———
16. " T. Crouce,†	Sandy Creek, N. C.
17. " D. Efird,†	Countsville, S. C.
18. " C. Moretz,	Taylorsville, N. C.
19. " J. E. Seneker,†	———
20. " J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N. C.
21. " M. J. Stirewalt,	Statesville, N. C.
22. " E. E. Smyre,†	Newton, N. C.
23. " I. Conder,	Lexington, N. C.
Licentiates.	
24. Rev. L. A. Fox,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
25. " D. E. Fox,	Newton, N. C.

*Absent and excused. †Absent and not excused.

Lay-Delegates.

L. Delinger,	St. John's, N. C.	D. Miller,	Miller's, N. C.
Paul Setzer,	Hause's, "	M. Harmon,	St. Paul's, "
Eli Sigman,	St. Peter's "	J. F. Goodman,	St. Martin's "
S. Bost,	Sharon, "	M. Link,	Zion's, "
J. Little,	Friendship, "	W. Laws,	Salem, "
T. Young, (Beck's)	New Jerusalem.	H. Cansler,	Grace, "
A. A. Brown,	Salem, N. C.	M. H. Rhyne,	Luther Chapel, "
J. F. Plonk,	Philadelphia, "	D. Moretz,	Jackson's, "

Synod now held an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. J. R. PETERSON, *President,*
" J. M. SMITH, *Secretary,*
" M. J. STIREWALT, *Treasurer.*

Papers and letters for Synod were handed in. The President then appointed the following

Committees:

I. *To number and class Letters and Papers:* R. C. Moretz, Mr. J. F. Goodman.

II. *On Unfinished Business:* Rev. A. J. Fox, Mr. S. Bost.

III. *On Treasurer's Report:* Revs. H. Goodman and P. C. Henkel, Mr. A. A. Brown.

IV. *On Minutes of other Synods:* Rev. A. J. Fox, C. Moretz, and Mr. M. H. Rhyne.

V. *On Letters and Petitions:* Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, I. Conder, and Mr. T. Young.

Rev. H. Goodman now gave notice, that at a suitable time, he would

call the attention of Synod to the importance of performing missionary labors in the army.

Notice was also given that at an early period, the revised constitution, laid on the table in 1860, would be brought before Synod.

After an exchange of views on that subject, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to bring before Synod the revised Constitution: Revs. P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox, M. J. Stirewalt, Messrs. W. Laws and J. F. Plonk, were appointed.

Synod now adjourned, till after sermon, which was preached by Rev. I. Conder, Isa. lxi, 10.

MONDAY, P. M.

Synod resumed business. Committee No. I, returned the papers, classed and numbered. Committee No. III, submitted the following

REPORT: We, your commmittee, to settle with former Treasurer, after a careful examination, find in his hand the sum of forty-one dollars.

Revs. GOODMAN & HENKEL,
Mr. A. A. BROWN.

Now the subject of army missions was taken up, and it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to propose a plan of operations for army missions. Revs. Fox, Henkel, Goodman, committee.

Applicants, L. A. and D. E. Fox, being present, were invited to a seat as advisory members.

Excuses of Ministers for non-attendance were now called for; but the day being spent, this business was delayed till to-morrow.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow.

TUESDAY, A. M.

Synod met—was opened with suitable exercises by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt. The roll was called. Minutes were read, received and confirmed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Virginia brethren, Revs. A. Henkel, S. Henkel, J. Killian, J. Stirewalt, Geo. Schmucker and H. Wetzel be excused; also, J. R. Moser and J. M. Wagner. *That*, Revs. T. Crouse, A. and D. Efird and E. E. Smyre, be not excused.

Rev. T. Moser was excused.

Committee No. II, now submitted the following

REPORT: 1st. On page 8, we find the committee on Sunday Schools made no report. Is that committee prepared to report?

2d. On the same page, we find that the committe to collect historical facts in relation to the Confessional basis of our Synod, made no report. Is that committee prepared to report?

3d. On the same page we find that the committee appointed to revise our Liturgy made no report. Is that committee prepared?

4th. On page 11, we find that P. C. Henkel was appointed to examine, and if found qualified, to license Mr. D. E. Fox. Was this done?

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX,
I. CONDER.

Resolved, That this report be received and considered by items.

Item 1st. That committee is discharged.
Item 2d. That committee is discharged.
Item 3d. That committee is continued.
Item 4th. Rev. P. C. Henkel licensed D. E. Fox.

Committee No. IV, was called upon and presented the following

REPORT: We, your committee on Minutes of other Synods, find in our hands the minutes of the Evan. Lutheran Holston Synod, in which we find, that Rev. J. Barb was appointed delegate to our Synod, and regret he is not with us. We are, however, gratified to learn that our Holston brethren are permanently organized by the adoption of an appropriate constitution.

No. 2—Is a copy of the minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod & Ministerium of S. C. and adjacent States, of the 29th of Oct., 1862. We find nothing in these relative to our synod.

No. 3—Are the minutes of the Evan. Luth. Synod of Va., Oct. 23—26, 1862. There is nothing in these that requires the action of our synod.

No. 4—Are the proceedings of the Evangel. Lutheran Synod of N. C. Nothing in these requiring our action.

No. 5—Is a copy of the twenty-first session of the Evan. Luth. Synod of Western Va., and adjacent parts. They contain nothing that requires our action. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
C. MORETZ,
M. H. RHYNE.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox represent this Synod as delegate to the next session of the Holston Synod.

Committee No. V, made the following

REPORT: We, your committee to report on letters and petitions addressed to this Synod, submit the following:

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Nos. 4 & 5—Are petitions from Morning Star church, Mecklenburg co. N. C., and Bethlehem church, S. C., of similar import.

In reference to the questions presented for discussion to this body, in items 1 & 2 of this report, your committee recommend that said petitions be read before Synod. Respectfully submitted,

M. J. STIREWALT,
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THOS. YOUNG.

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J. M. SMITH, *Secretary.*

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TUESDAY, P. M.

Business was resumed.

At this period Rev T. Moser arrived and took his seat amongst us.

A TREATISE ON REGENERATION,

By DAVID HENKEL.

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FRAGMENT I.

Regeneration relates us to God, so that we are his children. We are made his children by faith, by which Christ's righteousness is imputed. The difference between an imputed righteousness and holiness, and righteous and holy principles implanted in our hearts, shewn.

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Resolved, That this report be received and considered by items.

Item 1st. That committee is discharged.
Item 2d. That committee is discharged.
Item 3d. That committee is continued.
Item 4th. Rev. P. C. Henkel licensed D. E. Fox.

Committee No. IV, was called upon and presented the following

REPORT: We, your committee on Minutes of other Synods, find in our hands the minutes of the Evan. Lutheran Holston Synod, in which we find, that Rev. J. Barb was appointed delegate to our Synod, and regret he is not with us. We are, however, gratified to learn that our Holston brethren are permanently organized by the adoption of an appropriate constitution.

No. 2—Is a copy of the minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod & Ministerium of S. C. and adjacent States, of the 29th of Oct., 1862. We find nothing in these relative to our synod.

No. 3—Are the minutes of the Evan. Luth. Synod of Va., Oct. 23—26, 1862. There is nothing in these that requires the action of our synod.

No. 4—Are the proceedings of the Evangel. Lutheran Synod of N. C. Nothing in these requiring our action.

This report was received and adopted.

Resolved, That Synod appoint a Treasurer to hold the funds for this Army Mission [illegible]

C. MORETZ,
M. H. RHYNE.

The report was accepted and adopted.

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But are we not the children of God by creation? are we not his offspring? Acts xvii, 28, 29. It must be admitted, that although we are fallen creatures; nevertheless God is our creator and preserver, and are possessed of the faculty of reason, and are thus superior to the brute creation. Our reasoning faculty is susceptible of receiving illumination from

God: for otherwise a divine revelation would be utterly useless to us.—This shews that a vestige of God's image, in which man was first created, still remains. God possesses a supreme reason, or an infinite understanding and wisdom. Man, therefore, even in his fallen state, possessing a rational faculty, imitates his creator, and is thus his offspring. We indeed have the faculty of reason or the eyes of an understanding, but cannot see without a light from heaven, of which we are destitute by nature. St. Paul says to the Ephesians: "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." Eph i, 18. Thus it is evident that the Ephesians had eyes of an understanding, even in a state of nature; otherwise they could not have been enlightened, and they surely were the workmanship of God. It would not have been possible for man either to have acted holy, or to have sinned, had he not possessed a reasoning faculty and moral liberty. For it would be no virtue in a being never to do wrong, if it were impossible to act otherwise. Virtue consists in delighting in, and choosing to act according to moral rectitude. But if it were impossible to do wrong, then there could be no choice in acting right; hence there could be no righteous actions, because such must proceed from a free choice. Man having done wrong, proves that he could have done right, and consequently that he yet possesses the faculty of reason, though directed opposite to the law.

Indeed our nature, since the fall, is inclined to sin; yet it is not sin itself: for if it were it could not be the creation of God; for he is holy; hence cannot be the creator of sin. The Son of God took human nature upon himself. Heb. ii, 14–18. He even in his incarnate state is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, ch vii, 26; therefore human nature cannot be sin itself. Thus it may properly be said that we are God's children by creation, and retain yet a vestige of his image; but in so far as we have sinned, we are by no means like him; hence not his children in this respect; for we are under condemnation, destitute of wisdom, righteousness and holiness. A new birth therefore is necessary; so that we might be justified, and becoming heirs of God, we might receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit sanctifying our nature. We are God's children, or born again by faith: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Gal. iii, 26; "But to as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name." John i, 12. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God." 1 John v, 1. We become God's children by faith, because by it the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us. The righteousness of God was imputed to Abraham by faith, which also is imputed to us if we believe. Rom. iv, 13–24. When another person's actions, whether they be good or evil, are ascribed to me; so that I become a partaker thereof, it is called an imputation. The apostle St. John says, that whosoever bids a heretic God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. 2 Epist. v, 10, 11. Another person's deeds are imputed to me, when I acquiesce in, or sanction the same. But from the texts already quoted, it is evident that the righteousness of Christ is imputed to us by faith. If his righteousness is imputed to us, then we are righteous, not for the sake of any merit in us, or any holy principles implanted in our hearts: for the righteousness is that of another being. That God is the righteousness of his people, is evident from the following texts: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be

called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jer. xxiii, 5, 6. In the Messiah Judah shall be saved, and Israel dwell safely, and his name shall be the Lord our righteousness. Thus the Lord Jesus is the righteousness of his people. "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall *one* say, In the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory." Isa. xlv, 22–25. The Lord to whom every knee shall bow and every tongue shall swear, is Jesus Christ in his mediatorial character. See Rom. xiv, 11; Phil. ii, 9–11. All tongues swearing to Jesus, and saying in the Lord have I righteousness and strength, and that all the seed of Israel shall be justified in him, and glory, proves that man is justified by an imputed righteousness. See also 1 Cor. i, 30, 31.

When a rational creature possesses upright principles, and acts according to moral rectitude, such may be called righteous, and such may glory in an own righteousness. But withal it would only be a creature righteousness, and by no means the righteousness of God, which consists not in any principles adhering to, or actions done by us: for it is the imputed righteousness of God. It is necessary to notice the distinction between the righteousness of God imputed, and the implanted gifts of the Spirit creating a new heart, and producing just and holy graces, ornamenting in the sight of men our life and conduct.

The righteousness of God, is imputed to us by faith; but sanctification relative to our nature is an operation in the heart disposing it to holy motives. The righteousness of God imputed to us, is not susceptible of being increased: for it is perfect; "for in him, i. e. Christ dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily; And ye are complete in him, who is the head of all principality and power;" Col. ii, 9, 10; but the sanctification of our nature remains imperfect during this life by reason of the opposition of the flesh and other temptations; and although the graces of the Spirit are holy in their principles and most beautiful in their qualities; yet not all unholy volitions in the soul are eradicated; for ignorance and folly more or less are in every christian. Rom. vii, 14–24.

Because the distinction between the imputed righteousness of Christ, and the sanctification of our nature, or the fruits of the Spirit, is not observed, sundry important texts are misconstrued, and many persons rendered extremely uncomfortable. Knowing that the scriptures teach a christian perfection, they seek for this perfection in the sanctification of their nature; but yet, notwithstanding their best endeavors, constantly feeling sin, they conclude that they are unregenerated and under condemnation, and are thus extremely uncomfortable; whilst others imagining that they have attained to this sanctification, because they do not commit many outward wicked actions, are vile hypocrites.

Before the sanctification of our nature commences, we must be born again, or clothed with God's righteousness. Hence a new heart, or holy dispositions are not requisite to make us God's children; for such blessings we inherit because we are children, or they are the consequences following the new birth. This is proven in the following manner:

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Gal. iii,

13, 14. This text shews that whosoever receives the Spirit does it by faith. But it has already been proven that a believer is born again, hence a child of God. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts ii, 38. This also plainly shews that the gift of the Holy Ghost was received by the Jews after they obtained the remission for their sins.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Col. iii, 1–5. Now such as are risen with Christ, and whose life is hid with him in God, can be none else than those that have been born anew; and they are exhorted to seek the things that are above and to mortify their members upon earth: such as fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, &c. To do these things is the same as having holy principles. But those persons prior to having such principles are represented as true christians, which also proves that the new birth is prior to intellectual sanctification.

"And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Gal. iv, 6. This text indicates that our son-ship is a reason why God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts; hence it is evident that the new birth is prior to the gift of the Spirit.

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of Spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness. Heb. xii, 6, 10.

Those that are chastened are said to be God's children. But why does God chasten his children? Is it for no purpose, but merely because he delights in seeing them afflicted? By no means: for that would be cruelty. Whom he chastens he loves, and the reason assigned for chastening us is that we might be partakers of his holiness. Whereas we frequently sin by reason of the flesh, or the old man, chastisements become indispensably necessary, in order that the flesh may be kept in subjection; otherwise we should not be made partakers of God's holiness. That God chastens his children, proves that their nature is yet sinful: for if not, why would chastisements be necessary? Such as confidently teach that when a man is born again, that his nature is so far changed, that he does not sin in any respect whatever, must deny, either, that God chastens his children, or else that he does it through cruelty or for nothing. To deny that God chastens his children would be contrary to the apostle's declaration; to suppose that he does it through cruelty or for nothing, would be forging a libel upon his holy character. What purpose should chastisements inflicted upon perfect holy creatures answer? Surely, none would be chastened for holiness. If it were not for the sins of God's people, the necessity of chastisements would be superseded. After the resurrection of the body, and when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put

on immortality, and when the sting of death, which is sin, shall utterly have been abolished, then there shall be neither crosses, nor afflictions of any description whatever; but an enjoyment of pure, perfect, uninterrupted, eternal felicity. The reason is obvious: because there shall be neither any temptation to sin, nor any sinful corruption cleaving to human nature in that blissful state of immortality.

FRAGMENT II.

The person who is regenerated, because of the flesh, frequently commits sins; hence it becomes necessary to be converted from his errors. But in the case of an apostacy a second graffing into Christ must take place; otherwise the person having apostatized cannot be restored.

The person that is regenerated, is truly ornamented with God's righteousness, and spiritual graces as a blessed consequence are implanted in the heart, which according to the language of the scriptures are called the inward, the new man, the Spirit; nevertheless he yet possesses the corruptions inherited by Adam's fall, which are called the flesh, or the old man. Sundry texts prove that the person that is born of God does nor commit sin; as for instance: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John iii, 9. Whereas on the contrary it is said that God's children sin. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John i, 8. The apostle John most certainly was a saint; notwistanding, he with others includes himself as not being without sin. St. Paul says, "If Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin: but the Spirit, is life because of righteousness." Rom. viii, 10. The allusion here is undoubtedly to God's children; for Christ is not in any others. The reason assigned for the death of a believer's body, is sin; hence as all saints' bodies die, they all have sin. Why are saints admonished to mortify their evil lusts if they had no sin? Col. iii, 5. Now since the scriptures ascribe holiness to every believer, and yet declare that none lives, without sinning, does not this imply a palpable contradiction? The scriptures by no means contradict themselves in making these repugnant declarations, but they thereby shew the contradiction in the believer's person: for in him there are two contrary principles, the one called the old, and the other the new man. The old man or the flesh we have inherited from Adam by a natural birth, but the new man is the consequence of regeneration. The carnal mind is not subject to the law of God; the new man delights in it; the former is sinful; the latter is holy. Thus it may be correctly said, that the christian is a sinner according to the flesh, but holy and without sin according to the new man, or the Spirit. St. Paul says, "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man." Rom. vii, 21, 22. In v. 25, he adds, "So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Thus we see that St. Paul served both the law of God, and the law of sin, but the former according to the inward man, and the latter according to the flesh. Two contrary principles ever will be at war with each other, until the one or the other shall be overcome. For this reason it is said that "the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Gal. v, 17.

This being the case, the flesh frequently conquers, and we fall into sins. But as it is the will of God, when we are thus fallen, that we again should rise, he calls upon us to repent of and be converted from our follies. Our blessed Saviour said unto his disciples, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Mat. xviii, 3. The context plainly indicates that they were elated with pride; seeing they contended for rank and superiority in the kingdom of heaven. But they were certainly previously regenerated; for Jesus told them, "Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Luke x, 20. That a man whose name is written in heaven, is regenerated admits of no dispute. Now since the disciples were born again, and yet were exhorted to be converted, it is evident that regeneration and conversion are to be distinguished. Again, Christ predicting the fall of Peter, said unto him, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke xxii, 31, 32. In this also, the distinction between regeneration and conversion is manifest: for Peter, even when he had fallen into sin had not lost his faith, but was converted. This distinction is briefly described thus: regeneration takes place when a person by faith is adopted as a child of God, and clothed with his righteousness; whereas conversion takes place when such a person falls into sin and again repents. The pious Psalmist prayed "Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore me unto the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free Spirit." Ps. li. 9–12. The Psalmist praying that God might hide his face from his sins, for a clean heart, for the renewing of a right spirit within him, for the restoration unto the joy of God's salvation, thereby confesses himself guilty of some enormous crimes; and yet the same time praying: take not thy holy Spirit from me, indicates that he was a child of God; otherwise he would not have had the holy Spirit.

Thus it is evident that God's children may fall into sin; and yet be renewed by conversion. But when they commit sin they shall be chastened. God having promised Christ a numerous host of children, says: "My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah." Ps. lxxxix, 28–37. Every believer is a living branch in Christ the true vine bringing forth good fruit; but as all branches may have excresences, they must be pruned to render the fruit better and more abundant. God purges such branches that they may bring forth more fruit; this frequently is done by chastisements. It is in vain for any christian to suppose that because he is saved by faith, he may indulge himself in vices, remaining impenitent: for God's fatherly love and care require that his crimes should be visited with the rod and with stripes; otherwise he would become utterly miserable, and never be

a partaker of holiness. Some men, even such as profess to be believers, presume that the doctrine of justification by faith alone without any good works leads to licentiousness; hence preach that good works as well as faith, are indispensably necessary to salvation. But let such consider that it is not possible according to God's own declarations, for his children to fall into vices, remaining impenitent, and not to be scourged. He chastens them by various means: such as by sickness, loss of friends, poverty, suffering their enemies to injure them, and by many other afflictions. Let that professor therefore, who is without any fatherly chastisements, not consider himself a child of God, but a bastard.

It is thus evident, that all sins God's children commit may be repented of, and consequently be pardoned; except they commit the sin unto death and apostatize. It is said, "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."—Rom. viii, 13. If any man see his brother sin a sin, *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 1 John v, 16. What manner of death is it which those shall die who do not mortify the deeds of the flesh, or commit the sin unto death? It can by no means be the natural death of the body: for it is evident that no man can escape that by crucifying the flesh. I presume it is the same which Adam died the day on which he transgressed. It was said unto him: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. ii, 17. This could not have alluded to a temporal death: for to suppose it, would be contrary to fact, seeing he afterwards lived many years. His bodily death was announced to him after the transgression in the following words: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground: for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." Gen. iii, 19. His body returning to the ground plainly indicates his bodily death. Neither could the allusion be to what by some divines is called the eternal death, i. e. endless punishments in hell: for to suppose that, would also be contrary to fact, seeing that he did not that day go to hell; nor have we any reason to believe that he ever did. Neither could he in one day (or that same day) have suffered endless punishments: for one day is not endless. He must hence have died legally, i. e. became dead in sin, deprived of spiritual light and and life. His conduct after his fall shews the darkness of his mind: for when the Lord God called unto him, and said unto him, "Where *art* thou? he said, I heard thy voice in the garden; and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." Gen iii, 9, 10. This seems as if he imagined that he could hide himself from an all-seeing God, which manifests his intellectual blindness. This spiritual death is mentioned by St. Paul: "And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and in sins." Eph ii, i, and v. 4, 5—"but God, who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved.") All men by nature are thus spiritually dead, i. e. their understanding is without divine light, and their hearts without divine life and are under the curse of the law; and in this state they remain, until they are made spiritually alive by Christ. He says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John v, 24. By passing from death unto life cannot signify in this passage passing from a bodi-

ly death to a life after the resurrection of the body, as it alludes to men believing in this world ; hence alludes to a passage from a spiritual death to a spiritual life. Now since the apostle declares that such as live after the flesh shall die, it is evident that they will be deprived of divine life and die spiritually in sin. Such as are exhorted to mortify the deeds of the flesh, lest they die, are spiritually alive, that is true believers: for if they were not how could they die? For unbelievers are already by nature dead in sin, hence it is impossible for such to die, unless it was possible for a dead person to die.

That such persons who apostatize cannot be renewed again unto repentance, is proven by the following passage: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame." Heb. vi, 4–6.

Though it be evident from the proofs already stated, that a believer may apostatize and die; nevertheless, this is positively denied by those who maintain the doctrine of absolute election and reprobation. They suppose such a final apostacy impossible in consequence of God's promises to keep his children safely, as for instance: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all: and none is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand." John x, 27, 29. It must be admitted, that not only according to this, but also according to sundry other texts, no child of God, nor none of his sheep as such, ever did, or ever shall be finally lost. But it is to be remembered that this is not properly the point in question. The question is not, whether any of God's children, or sheep may be utterly lost? but whether any of his children may not become unbelievers, or his sheep become goats? If any of his children become unbelivers, or his sheep become goats, then if they perish it can by no means be said that any of God's children or sheep have perished; because after becoming infidels or goats, they are not children or sheep. It is by no means absurd to affirm that no unbeliever shall ever be saved: for "he that believeth not is condemned already." John iii, 18—but it would be contrary to fact, to suppose that an unbeliever, may not become a believer: seeing that sundry of the most eminent saints once had been unbelievers. Whenever it shall be proven that no believer can ever become an unbeliver, then only shall the impossibility of a final apostasy be established. But since there is no text affirming this, it must be concluded that sheep may become goats, or saints become sinners. St. Jude in describing a certain wicked class of wicked men, calls them "trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots." v. 12. Now it may be asked, how such could have been twice dead? They undoubtedly once had been dead in sin by nature; but how could they have been dead the second time if they had not been made spiritually alive to God, and then have died, i. e. apostatized? It is out of the question to conclude otherwise, than that such must have been spiritually alive, and then have apostatized.

When a man commits the sin unto death he loses his faith, without which no man can receive forgiveness. It is therefore not strange when a person has been made spiritually alive, and loses his faith, that he should

be in a similar, or perhaps a worse state than he was when an unbeliever in a state of nature, or before ever he was regenerated. He who commits the sin unto death must undoubtedly lose his faith, otherwise he would still live, because it is out of the question for any one to believe on the Son of God and not to have eternal life.

If the deeds of the flesh be not mortified, faith will be lost, and a spiritual death will be the consequence. They are to be mortified through the Spirit. The word of God is Spirit and life: "the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life," John vi, 63. It is an incorruptible seed, which effects regeneration. 1 Pet. i, 23–25. 1 Cor. iv, 15. James i, 18. It is a heavenly light. Ps. cxix, 105. 2 Pet. i, 19. It is called the sword of the Spirit. Eph. vi, 17. It is not only the means by which faith cometh; Rom. x, 17: but it is also to keep one from sinning: "thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. cxix, 11. The word of God being the principal means to beget faith and to mortify the deeds of the flesh, it is evident that by rejecting or perverting it faith is lost. For the word being light. spirit and life, is calculated to illumine the soul, to make it spiritual, and to give it eternal life. Consequently if a believer should neglect or pervert it, his heart must become dark, carnal and dead: for the want of light is darkness, of the Spirit carnality, and of life death. Thus when Adam and Eve disregarded the word of the Lord, they became dark, carnal and dead. Hence I conclude that a neglect or a perversion of God's word after being regenerated is the sin unto death: for without this word there can be no faith, and without that the soul must die. The following passages confirm this conclusion: "Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is;* but exhorting *one another:* and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" Heb. x, 23–29.

In the public assemblies of christians the word of God is preached, the Spirit and the holy ordinances administered; hence by neglecting such, the word is despised. Neglecting this word after having received the knowledge of the truth is called a wilful sin. A man receives the knowlege of the truth by the hearing of the gospel; hence when he neglects, and thus despises it, he acts from knowledge, and sins with deliberation. This word is spirit, the agency of not only begetting, but also of preserving faith and of mortifying the deeds of the flesh; it reveals Jesus the only sacrifice for sins, and brings nigh his blood, the blood of the covenant: consequently he that rejects or perverts this word has done despite unto the Spirit of grace, and trodden the Son of God under foot; in short, he dies, becoming an infidel. An infidel rejects the sacrifice of Jesus. Under the dispensation of the law there were many sacrifies, so that if one was neglected another could be obtained; but under the gospel there can be but one sacrifice, namely: that of Jesus Christ, and whilst that is rejected

there is no possibility of salvation. Men were put to death for despising Moses' law; they suffered a bodily death; but the rejection of Jesus and his gospel will subject the transgressor to a sorer punishment: for losing his faith, he shall die a spiritual death, which in its consequences is more dreadful than that of the body. See also Heb. xii, 25.

The question, whether a person after having apostatized can ever again get to believe and be saved? deserves an examination. It would be erroneous to affirm that it would be impossible with God, or repugnant to any of his attributes ever to restore an apostate person. But it would rather be congenial to his boundless love and mercy, not utterly to debar apostates from a restoration. An apostate person is one, who has lost his faith and has become dead, and is in a similar state to one who never has been regenerated. Now the one who never has been regenerated, being an unbeliever has no forgiveness, he is dead, the wrath of God abiding on him; nor can he ever, as an unbeliever, obtain pardon; the apostate having become an unbeliever, by no means has any forgiveness: seeing he is punished with spiritual death, the consequences of which are most terrible. Now since he who never was a believer may get to be such by the proper use of means; even so there is nothing contained in the scriptures positively denying that an apostate may obtain faith and be saved. It may indeed become extremely difficult for an apostate person to obtain faith; for God may, with a view to punish him, place him in a situation so that he may not have an opportunity of hearing the genuine gospel, and consequently bring many other judgments upon him; yet it is not utterly impossible, nor improbable for the Lord again to visit him with the true gospel.

The passage in Heb. vi, 4–6, declaring the impossibility of again renewing those to repentance, who were once enlightened, &c., which many presume is sufficient to prove that no apostate can ever be restorod, does not prove it. It simply proves that an apostate cannot again be renewed to repentance; but does not say that he may never get to be a believer. An unbeliever cannot be renewed to faith: for he possess none to which, or in which, he might be renewed. To renew a thing in a man or to renew him to it, pre-supposes him not to be destitute of it: for if so, he could not be renewed in it, as he would have first to receive it. St. Paul exhorts the Ephesians, "to be renewed in the Spirit of their mind." Eph. iv, 23. Now let us suppose the Ephesians not to have possessed any Spirit of mind at all, would it not have been absurd for him to have exhorted them to be renewed in it? Now for any to be renewed to repentence, pre-supposes such to possess penitent principles. But such as have lost their faith, hence all penitent principles, cannot be renewed to repentance: for its evident that one cannot be renewed to that which he does not possess. It might as well be argued, that because a person who never had faith cannot be renewed to faith; therefore it is impossible for him ever to obtain faith; as to conclude, because a believer having apostatized and being thus without faith, can never be renewed to it, that therefore he can never obtain faith. Who would suppose that an unbeliever can never get to be a believer? Yet it is plain that he cannot be renewed to faith.

St. Paul speaking to the Galatians, says: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." ch. iv, 19. To travail in birth again implies having once before travailed in birth; hence those Galatians had once before been regenerated. The phrase, "til Christ be formed in you," supposes such to be without Christ: otherwise it would

not have been necessary for him to have been formed in them, and they that are without Christ are unbelievers. Although, it may not be proven that all the Galatians to whom this epistle had been addressed had apostatized: for some at least are called God's children having his Spirit in their hearts. ch. iv, 6; and some were spiritual, who were exhorted to restore such as were overtaken in a fault, ch. vi, 1; nevertheless it is manifest that a considerable number of them had apostatized. For the apostle asks: "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? ch. iii, 3—"they knew God, or rather were known of him; yet they turned again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto they desired again to be in bondage," ch. iv, 9. All this proves that they were deluded, intending to be justified by the law, which proves that they had fallen from grace. "For," saith the apostle, "I testify again to every man that is circumcised that he is a debtor to do the whole law.—Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace," ch. v, 3, 4. Those Galatians who were induced to apostatize by false teachers, the apostle labored to restore to faith, or to graff them into Christ again; so that he might be formed in them. He certainly believed that by his instrumentality they again might be graffed into Christ: otherwise he as a wise and inspired apostle would not have labored for their restoration. For no wise man will labor for that which he positively knows can never be regained.

FRAGMENT III.

It is shewn that a regenerated person is not in legal bondage, but posseses spiritual liberty, &c.

Children of God are free from legal bondage. They are in the kingdom of God, which is "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost;" Rom. xiv, 17; hence already are measurably happy. Whereas those, who are in legal bondage cannot be happy: for there is no harmony between bondage and felicity. St. Paul says: "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Rom. 8, 15.

God's law is truly good and holy, and if man never had transgressed it, he could be under no condemnation, and hence it would be for ever his delight. But man having transgressed it, he is under its curse, and deprived of God's Spirit, he is opposed to it; and yet being under its obligation, is in legal bondage. For bondage is when one is opposed to a thing; and yet, contrary to one's inclination must be under its obligation. This is the case of an unbeliever with respect to the law. He has no delight in it; yet he realizes no other righteousness, but that which is by the law, and is thus contrary to his own will under its obligation, and sees no alternative, but either to fulfil it, or else suffer its penalty.

Had man never transgressed the law, he would by all means live by it, and be happy. But since he has transgressed the law, it can by no means answer this purpose; neither is this the design of its revelation since the fall. The charter of our salvation we find in the Arahamic covenant. The promises made therein are to Christ in his mediatorial character—"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to

seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." Gal. iii, 16. Christ according to the flesh is Abraham's seed; hence to him in his incarnate state God made the promises. God gave him the world of mankind. "I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession." Ps. ii, 7, 8. This inheritance he redeemed from the power of Satan. Heb. ii, 13–15.

Therein also the promise of blessings is made unto all men. "In thee, (i. e. in Abraham,) shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. xii, 3. Since a promise of blessing in the Messiah is made to all the families of the earth, it is evident they may all become heirs. Now such as believe and thus are made children, also become heirs; for "if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." Rom. viii, 17. The blessings promised are Christ, in whom we have eternal life, and the gifts of the holy Spirit.

He that inherits an estate could not have merited it: for if one merits something, it may be obtained justly as a debt; yet by no means as an inheritance. If it be by debt then it is not inherited, and if inherited then it cannot be by debt. If we be heirs of salvation, then no good work whatsoever is necessary to obtain it:—"Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" Rom. iv, 5.

It must also be observed that after a testamentary devise is confirmed, no alteration, nor addition is to be admitted. This rule is generally observed with respect to a man's testament. The testament of God surely is entitled to no less regard. "Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant; yet *if it* be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many: but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, *That* the covenant that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise." Gal. iii, 15–18.

This covenant was confirmed by an oath:—"For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself: Saying, surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." Heb. vi, 13–18. Since this testamentary devise has been confirmed by Jehovah's oath by himself, it can never possibly be changed. For God is an unchangeable being, even so is his oath by himself. Neither can this testament be disannulled by any thing on earth, or in hell, or in heaven; nor by time, nor by eternity: nor can God himself revoke it, unless he could change and commit perjury by his holiness, which would be utterly impossible.

It is also a daring diabolical attempt for any man to add the least thing to this testament as necessary unto salvation, seeing it is a testament of man's salvation, and has been confirmed by two immutable things. How shameful is therefore the conduct of such preachers, who teach that a man is not justified before God by faith alone, but also by the good works of the law! They attempt to add the law to the testament of man's salvation. If not, why do they maintain that a man must do good works in order to be saved? How is it possible for the works of the law to be the least condition of man's salvation, when it was not incorporated with the Abrahamic covenant; but was given four hundred and thirty years after this covenant had been confirmed? Had it ever been God's design that man should be saved by good works in the least degree, he would not have delayed the law four hundred and thirty years; but would immediately entered it into the Abrahamic covenant. The covenant of the law was not at all made with Abraham. Moses said: "The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers but with us, *even* us, who *are* all of us here alive this day." Deut. v, 2, 3. Now since the covenant of Abraham includes the blessing of salvation for all men, the covenant made at Horeb four hundred and thirty years afterwards can by no means be necessary to our justification before God.

Indeed sin was in the world before the law was given on Mount Sinai, but without the law it cannot be imputed. "For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law." Rom. v, 13. In order, therefore, that sin might appear in its deformity, the law was revealed. "Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made, &c., Gal. iii, 19 Moreover, the law entered that the offence might abound: but where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Rom. v, 20. "I had not known sin but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet," ch. vii, 7. Because sin is a transgression of the law, the law as a bright mirror manifests sin in its original deformity. By this means men are convinced of the justice of being under condemnation, their utter ruin, their inability of being restored by any personal merit, or intellectual rectitude; it also begets a desire in them to be released from bondage, and proves the necessity of an almighty Saviour. Without being thus convinced, no man would ever come to Christ for salvation: for who is he that wishes to be justified, if he does not previously know himself to be unjust, and under condemnation? or that wishes to be made free, if he does not know himself to be in bondage? or that wishes to see life, if he does not know that he is in death? The law is therefore, properly called our schoolmaster. "Before faith came we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." Gal. iii, 23–25. Heirs, who are in a minor age are kept under tutors and governors for a certain period, during which they cannot have the estate in their own hands, nor enjoy perfect liberty. The church of God before the incarnation of Christ was in a minor age; and although having been appointed heirs in the Abrahamic covenant, yet could not enjoy perfect liberty, but were under tutors and governors, i. e. under the legal dispensation. The apostle states the following with respect to this subject:

"Now I say, *that* the heir, as long as he is a child,

differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord *of* all; but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of son." Gal. iv, 1–5. How plainly this text shews that the law served as a tutor and governor over the church until the dispensation of the gospel. Since the law therefore, is designed to reveal our guilt and bring us unto Christ, it is evident that it loses its jurisdiction over us after we have come to Christ. Every believer, because he is in Christ is divorced from the law. The apostle illustrates this by the following simile: "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. So then, if while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of Spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter." Rom. vii, 1–6. By these words we are taught that like as death divorces a woman from her husband, even so we are delivered from the law, being dead to it by the body of Christ. How then can he be a believer in Christ, who yet seeks salvation by the good works of the law? He who is under the law enjoys no liberty, but is in a state of bondage. See Gal. iv, 21–31.

Whilst a man seeks to be saved by the works of the law he is under it, and can by no means be freed from sin. Although, the law be good and holy; nevertheless it is the life and strength of sin. "But sin taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." Rom. vii, 8, 9. Now if without the law sin be dead, and if by it sin is revived, then it may with propriety be concluded that the law is the life of sin; and also because sin by it takes occasion to work all manner of concupiscence.

When the law, as the apostle says, revives sin, it proves death to the sinner. "For when the commandment came, sin revived and I died."—What manner of death did he die? The apostle cannot allude to a bodily death: for he then, even when he had said "I died," had been alive with respect to his body. Nor can he allude to an eternal death, i. e. everlasting punishments in hell; for he was not in hell. It is evident that he had died a spiritual death, i. e. dead in sin, legally separated from God from whom flow light and life, of which the sinner is deprived by the law.—Now since the law revives sin, by which the sinner dies a spiritual death he must whilst under the law be separated from God; hence be destitute of the Spirit, light and life. For this reason it is properly said: "The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law;" 1 Cor. xv, 56: "the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life;" and the ministration of death

was written and engraven on stones. 2 Cor. iii, 6, 7. Instead therefore of being justified by the law, our sins are thereby revived and we remain dead under the curse: "for as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse." Gal. iii, 10. If therefore, any man would be made alive, let him by no means continue under the law, but let him come to Christ by faith. Now since the law keeps sin alive which proves the sinner's death, is it not horrid when preachers affirm and teach that it is not sufficient unto salvation for a man to believe in Christ; but that he cannot be saved unless he also keeps the law? By preaching the law sinners are kept in death and bondage. The law mongers are therefore, nothing but the bearers of the dead, and there is no life nor salvation in their ministry. It is clearly to be understood, that if sin be deprived of its life, which is the law, that it must die, and the death of sin will prove the sinner's spiritual life. We are exhorted to mortify the deeds of the flesh; and the flesh is to be crucified with the affections and lusts thereof. By the flesh is to be understood the wicked and sinful disposition of the heart: in short the sinful corruptions of our nature. Now are our sinful members or our sins to be mortified by the deeds of the law, or by our own good endeavors? By no means. For it has already been proven that the law revives sin. Now in the name of common sense how can that which revives sin, be a means to mortify sin, or to crucify the flesh? If we would die unto sin, we must deprive it of its life, which is the law; in short we must be dead to the law by the body of Christ. Accordingly I conclude, that when we are free from the law, sin is mortified, or our old man is crucified with Christ, that the body of sin might be destroyed: seeing that which looses its life must die: the law is the life of sin; the believer is dead to the law; hence sin has lost its life; therefore it is dead, and he lives unto God. Such therefore, as suppose that this doctrine leads to licentiousness are much mistaken: for how can a man be a slave to sin when he is not under the law but whose life is hid with Christ in God? Can there be sin where there is no law? No!—For sin is a transgression of the law; "sin is not imputed when there is no law." Rom. v, 13. Indeed we have sinful corruptions which we have inherited by Adam's transgression. But can they injure us? can they be imputed to us without the law? No!—Who then is the man, who preaches holiness? Does he preach holiness, who maintains that a man must keep the law? No!—He is far from it: for he that preaches salvation by good works breathes the very breath of life into the body of sin, so that it lives, bringing forth fruit unto death.—Does he preach holiness that maintains that we are dead to the law? By all means. For when there is no law sin is not imputed; when sin is not imputed, there is holiness. Look at this ye self-righteous law mongers, and be ashamed.

The law mongers say: if we be free from the law then we can do as we please, and indulge ourselves in all manner of licentiousness. This is the language of those who are in bondage. They presume if they had liberty, they would make it a pander of wickedness, and thus give us clearly to understand, that if it were not through fear of the law there would be no limit to their licentiousness. To preach salvation through free grace, they imagine would never induce sinners to abstain from wickedness; hence for this reason they deem it necessary to coerce them by the terrors of the law, and thus all the supposed good they do is through slavish fear.

Such as attempt to be saved by good works, being under the law, are spiritually dead. Now we know that a dead thing cannot move, nor act of itself: as for instance, a lifeless machine must be moved either by a

man's hand, or by beasts or by water, or by steam. Whereas a living being moves by reason of life peculiar to itself; hence needs no other power to enforce it into action. Now the law mongers are like unto lifeless machines; it is therefore, not to be wondered at why they expect to be forced to all the supposed good they do by legal terrors by self-invented church-rules, and systematical or machinal associations. Nor is it to be wondered at why it has become necessary to publish their donations to supposed good institutions, and the good they have effected, in the public gazettes and periodical magazines: for this public applause which they anticipate is the steam to put those dead machines into operation.

But the regenerated person possesses spiritual life, and not being under the law, enjoys liberty; consequently this divine life in him is the source of many noble actions: for he delights in the law of God after the inward man. He is not under the obligation of the law, but the law is written in his heart; in him therefore it is a living law, a God-like volition. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people. Heb. viii, 10.

For the purpose of illustrating this subject more amply, I shall subjoin a few observations on the following passage:

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of *his* resurrection: knowing this that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin; but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. vi, 3–11. Christ is said to be the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." Rev. xxii, 16. He is the true vine and christians are the branches; John xv, 1–5. He is a righteous, holy root full of life and immortality. Holy baptism by the aforesaid text is represented as the instrument by which we are graffed into this root, this immortal vine. We by nature are sinners, under the curse of the law, spiritually dead; hence have no power to live spiritually. But when we are graffed into Christ, the tree of life, we must also partake of his life.—If a thousand graffs be graffed into a tree, so as to grow, they with it constitute one tree. The many thousand believers being graffed into Christ with him are one mystic tree of immortality. They (yet not personally) are one Christ. For this unity he prayed:—"that they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." John xvii, 21–23. This sacerdotal prayer in-

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FRAGMENT IV.

Concerning the testimony of our adoption.

There are various means by which we may know a thing. The principal knowledge we have of persons and things is by sight and testimony. Objects that we see, carry the proof of their existence within themselves; or properly speaking are self-evident; hence are not susceptible of being proven by any other testimony. As for instance: when I see the sun in his meridian glory, it is impossible for any one to prove to me by any testimony whatever that such a luminary exists: for since he is an object of my sight his existence is self-evident. But things that we never saw, we should know nothing of them without some other sensible representation or a testimony. Because things invisible to us can only be known by testimony, such a knowledge is called faith or belief: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. xi, 1. Persons and things that are invisible to us, are therefore only to be realized by sure witnesses. Thus whatsoever is known by testimony cannot be an object of our senses. Causes may also be known by their effects: as for instance: we see a house, which indicates a builder.

Divine and heavenly things are invisible, they therefore cannot be apprehended by our senses, nor are they self-evident, but may be only known by testimony; hence the pretensions of those who presume to have received those things in a sensible manner are extremely absurd.

God does by no means require intelligent creatures to believe any thing without a sufficient testimony. Thus when Jesus Christ was made flesh, there were the most unequivocal testimonies accompanying his mission, commanding belief in his Messiah-ship. His lineage, the place of his nativity, his personage, &c., corresponded as accurately to the predictions of Moses, of the Psalms and of the Prophets, as a portrait to its original.—John the Baptist bore explicit testimony of his person; and when he was baptized in Jordan, the heavens were opened, the Holy Ghost dove-like descending upon him, and the Father's voice saying from heaven: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Mat. iii, 16, 17. His own miracles also constituted an invincible chain of testimonies, sufficient to command belief in his divine character. But if in case our blessed Saviour had not such testimonies, who could have known whether he was the Son of God, or an imposter?

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Whereas the flesh in us frequently most violently opposes the Spirit, it requires a close examination to perceive this testimony. When the flesh rages, it beclouds the spiritual graces in the soul, and thus arise temptations of despair. Notwithstanding, whilst the fruits of the Spirit are in us; though beclouded by carnal and diabolical temptations; we may recognize the Holy Ghost's testimony of our adoption. For as little as the clouds which hide the splendor of the sun can blot out his existence, even so little can the temptations of the flesh and of satan prove away our adoption. They rather establish that we are God's children. If not, why should we be tempted? why should the flesh rage? He who is already a child of the devil living according to the will of the wicked flesh, can have no strife, nor conflict in his soul: for devil agrees with devil, and wickedness is not at war with wickedness. Only contrary things or persons are at variance with each other. A war in the christian's soul supposes two contrary principles. The flesh and the spirit are contrary the one to the other. If there was no other principle in us save the flesh, there would be no war: for the flesh does not oppose the flesh. But when there is a war in us, we then know that we have the Spirit, by which we are sealed, having the pledge of our heavenly inheritance, Eph. i, 13, 14.

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Under the old Testament dispensation prayers were offered with sacrafices. When the sacrifices were consumed by fire from heaven, the worshipper had a testimony that he was accepted of God. As for instance: we see when God answered Elijah with fire from heaven consuming his sacrifices; whereas the priests of Baal received no such answer; hence were rejected. See 1 Kings 18. But under the gospel dispensation we cannot properly offer our prayers with any other sacrifice, but the only one, which is Jesus Christ. Our prayers offered through him will be accepted. Genuine prayers are produced by the Holy Spirit in us. See Rom. viii, 26, 27. Gal. iv, 6. Now when our prayers are heard and granted the Holy Ghost bears an ample testimony of our adoption, as St. John says: "this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." 1 John v, 14. This is truly an illustrious testimony. When the worshipper under the old Testament dispensation saw his sacrifice consumed by heavenly fire, he was certain of his acceptance; even so we, when we get the things for which we pray, we have a great confidence of our adoption.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EXTRA SESSION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL

Lutheran Tennessee Synod,

HELD IN

ZION CHURCH, CATAWBA CO., N. C.

March 26th, 28th, 1864.

STATESVILLE, N. C.:

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MINUTES.

Pursuant to resolution, the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in extra session at Zion Church, Catawba county, N. C., on Saturday, the 26th March, 1864.

Saturday and Sunday were devoted to the usual religious exercises—they having been conducted by Rev. J. R. Peterson, on Saturday, by a discourse from Romans 12:1;—and on Sunday, in the forenoon, by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, by a sermon on Rom. 8:3,4; and in the afternoon, by Rev. T. Moser, from I Cor. 5:6-8; after which the Lord's Supper was administered.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Synod met and was opened by the President, Rev. J. R. Peterson, with singing and prayer.

The clerical roll being called, the following ministers were found to be present:—

Revs. H. Goodman, Statesville; A. J. Fox, Lincolnton; P. C. Henkel, Newton; T. Moser, Taylorsville; J. R. Peterson, Dallas; C. Moretz, Taylorsville; J. M. Smith, Catawba Station; M. J. Stirewalt, Statesville; Prof. J. M. Wagner, Madisonville, Tennessee.

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LAY-DELEGATES.—Messrs. E. Hedrick, St. Peter's; D. A. Goodman, St. Martin's; D. Sides, Zion; D. Lenoard, Grace;

A. Costner, Esq., Salem; D. Seagle, Esq., Trinity; Gen. D. Seagle, Daniel's; E. E. Deal, Esq., St. John's; M. Harmon, St. Paul's; Dr. J. F. Smyre, Lutheran Chapel; E. Rhyne, Esq., Philadelphia; N. P. Efird, St. Martin's; Col. A. Conrad, Pilgrim; W. A. Beck, New Jerusalem; N. Hedrick, Beck's.

The officers of last session of Synod were continued.

Papers addressed to this body were now handed in.

Whereas, it is the special object of this session of Synod to revise and lay before the churches, in connection therewith, the Constitution of this Synod; and whereas, the revision of 1860 is made the basis of action on this subject—

On motion, said revision was read.

After the reading of said revision, a committee was appointed to report on it. Committee, Revs. T. Moser, P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox; Messrs. A. Costner, D. Leonard, and M. Harmon.

Whereas, there are petitions addressed to Synod, from churches in Virginia, connected with this body, asking her to take some measures, if possible, for the release of our young bro, Rev. J. Bennick, in the service of the C. S. A., that he may return to his ministerial labors among them; and whereas, it is at once evident that Synod can do no more than petition his release from said service—therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to petition, in the name of this Synod, the proper authorities for his release.

Committee, Revs. P. C. Henkel, H. Goodman, and J. M. Smith.

Moses Harmon, Treasurer of the Army Mission Fund, having enquired what disposition, in the present state of the currency, he should make of the funds in his hands, i. e., whether he should fund it or not;

On motion, he was directed to dispose of it as in his judgment he may think best.

Synod now took a recess, during which Rev. Prof. J. M. Wagner preached from Acts 11:23.

MONDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met and resumed business.

The committee appointed on the revision of the Constitution now reported.

We, the Committee appointed to revise the Constitution of Synod, having taken the Constitution of 1860 as a basis of our action, and having revised it, present it as our report and respectfully recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
A. COSTNER,
D. LEONARD,
M. HARMON.

The report was received and acted upon, and adopted article by article, and then adopted as a whole.

In the vote on Section 2nd of the 4th Article, the *ayes* and *nays* were called for. *Ayes*—Revs. T. Moser, A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, J. M. Wagner, P. C. Henkel, C. Moretz, J. M. Smith, M. J. Stirewalt, D. E. Fox, L. A. Fox, D. S. Henkel; Messrs. E. Hedrick, D. Leonard, A. Costner, D. Seagle, D. Seagle, Esq., E. E. Deal, M. Harmon, J. F. Smyre, E. Rhyne, N. P. Efird, A. Conrad, W. A. Beck, N. Headrick. *Nays*—Revs. H. Goodman and D. A. Goodman.

Resolved, That 500 copies of the Minutes of this Session of Synod be printed, and that one copy be sent to each Minister in connection with this body.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks is hereby tendered to the people of this community for the kind and hospitable entertainment of Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned.

Closed with singing and prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

J. M. SMITH, *Secretary.*

REVISED CONSTITUTION.

The revision of the Constitution, as amended by the Committee, and approved by the Synod, to be submitted to the congregations connected with this Synod.

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St. Mark's Church and St. Peter's Church,

OCT. 30TH—NOV. 4TH, '64 AND OCT. 21ST—24TH, '65.

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH,

GASTON COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 8TH—13TH, 1864.

OFFICERS:

REV. J. M. SMITH, PRESIDENT, REV. A. J. FOX, SECRETARY,
REV. M. J. STIREWALT, TREASURER.

MINUTES.

SATURDAY, October 8th, 1864.

Synod convened in St. Mark's Church, Gaston county. N. C. The day was entirely devoted to the worship of God. At 11 o'clock a sermon was preached by Rev. Iranaeus Conder: Text, Tit. 2: 11, 12. After the sermon, twenty-six (26) persons were received into the Church by the solemn and impressive rite of confirmation.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., Rev. M. J. Stirewalt preached. Text: 1st Pet., 2:5.

In the evening Rev. L. A. Fox preached. Text: 1st Cor., 6: 20. "Glorify God in your bodies and in your spirits, which are His."

SABBATH-DAY SERVICES.

At 10 o'clock, Rev. J. M. Smith preached. Text: St. John, 9: 35—"Dost thou believe on the Son of God."

In the afternoon, Rev. E. E. Smyre preached from Heb. 13: 20, 21. Immediately after the sermon the Lord's Supper was celebrated by the members of Synod and a large number of other communicants.

At candle lighting, Rev. David S. Henkel preached from Rev. 2: 7.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod assembled, and was opened with worship conducted by Rev. H. Goodman. The Secretary called the Roll. Delegates handed in their certificates of election.

MINISTERS.

Ministers.	Address.	Ministers.	Address.
1. Rev. I. Conder,	Lexington, N. C.	13. T. Moser,*	Taylorsville, N. C.
2. T. Crouse,*	Sandy Creek, "	14. C. Moretz,*	" "
3. A. Efird,†	Lexington, S. C.	15. J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, "
4. D. Efird,†	Frog Level, "	16. C. G. Reitzel,†	Flint Rock, "
5. A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, "	17. Geo. Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Va.
6. L. A. Fox,‡	Oak Grove, "	18. J. E. Seneker,*	Burke's Mills, "
7. H. Goodman,	Statesville, "	19. J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N.C.
8. A. Henkel,*	New Market, Va.	20. E. E. Smyre,	Newton, "
9. P. C. Henkel,	Newton, N. C.	21. J. Stirewalt,*	New Market, Va.
10. S. Henkel,*	New Market, Va.	22. M. J. Stirewalt,	Statesville, N. C.
11. J. Killian,*	Waynesboro, "	23. J. M. Wagner,	Killian's Mills, "
12. J. R. Moser,*	Castor, Missouri.	24. H. Wetzel,*	Woodstock, Va.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. D. E. Fox,* 38th N. C. Regiment, C. S. A.; D. A. Goodman, Statesville, N. C.; D. S. Henkel, Newton, N. C.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches	Names.	Churches.
Mr. J. Kiser,	St. Mark's,	Dr. W. W. McGinnis,	Bethphage,
" H. C. McAllister,	Philadelphia,	Mr. J. Mosteller,	Zions,
" J. A. Weathers,	St. Luke's,	" G. D. L. Yount,	St. John's,
" Lewis Limebarger,	Luther's Chapel,	" J. Hedick,	Salem and Friendship,
" George Coon,	Daniels,		
" D. Seigle,	Trinity,	" A. D. Hollar,	Miller's,
" D. C. Shuford,	Grace,	" Joseph Harkey,	Morning Star.

* Absent and excused. † Unexcused. ‡ Ordained this session.

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Synod now elected officers for the ensuing year. The following were chosen: Rev. J. M. Smith, President; Rev. A. J. Fox, Secretary; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Treasurer.

The papers addressed to Synod were called for and handed in, and placed in the hands of a committee for arrangement. Com.: Revs. E. E. Smyre and M. J. Stirewalt.

Rev. J. R. Peterson introduced the following preamble and resolution, which, after a free interchange of opinions, were unanimously adopted.

Feeling, as we do, the great want of a Religious Periodical in the families of our connexion, and as the Southern Lutheran is the only paper of Lutheran character now published in the Confederate States, be it therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod most cheerfully recommend the Southern Lutheran to the families composing our congregations, and that the Ministers connected with this Synod be encouraged to introduce it into our families.

Resolved, That a collection be taken immediately after the sermon to-day for the purpose of sending the Lutheran to the soldiers.

The President then announced the following committees:

No. 1. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. H. Goodman, I. Conder, and Mr. J. Hedick.

No. 2. *Letters and Petitions*—Revs. M. J. Stirewalt, J. R. Peterson, and Mr. D. C. Shuford.

No. 3. *Minutes of Sister Synods*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. J. Stirewalt, and Mr. H. C. McAllister.

No. 4. *Examination*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. J. Stirewalt, H. Goodman.

No. 5. *On Treasurer's Report*—Rev. P. C. Henkel, and Messrs. D. Seigle and J. Mosteller.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

During the intermission Rev. P. C. Henkel preached. Text, Romans, 10: 13.

The collection for Soldiers' paper was $163 00.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod resumed the transaction of business.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox be appointed to take charge of the funds for Soldiers' paper, to forward to the Lutheran and give direction as to their disposition.

The absence of some of the Ministers was now considered.

Resolved, That, in view of their proximity to the enemy, all of the Virginia brethren be excused for their non-attendance.

Resolved, That Rev. J. R. Moser and T. Crouse be excused for not attending.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod assembled. Prayer by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. I. Conder, of Committee No. 1. submitted Report No. 1.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to submit the following:

On the 5th page, we find that a Committee was appointed to revise our Liturgy. Is that Committee prepared to report? On the 6th page, we find that Rev. A. J. Fox was appointed a delegate to the Holston Synod. Did he attend? On the same page we learn, that a Committee was appointed to investigate and report, "whether the different Denominations have the true Church or not, and also to show whether it is proper to say they have." Can it report? On the same page, also, we find that a Committee was appointed to give an expression of this Synod's views on certain controverted tenets. Can that Committee report? On the 8th page, we observe that the Ministers then present, agreed to perform missionary labors in the Army. Did they comply? Respectfully submitted,

H. GOODMAN,
I. CONDER,
J. HEDICK.

Received and acted upon by items. Item 1st. This Committee was not represented in Synod. *Resolved*, That it be discharged. Item 2nd. The delegate to the Holston Synod stated his reasons for not attending that Synod. *Resolved*, That he be excused. Item 3rd. This Committee did not report. *Resolved*, That it be continued. Item 4th. This Committee did not report. Item 5th. Several of the brethren stated that they visited some portions of our army during last Winter.

The Treasurer of last year now handed in his Report, (see Appendix,) which was referred to Committee No. 5.

Rev. J. R. Peterson, from Committee No. 3., handed in the following:

Report No. 2.—We, your Committee upon Minutes of other Synods, find in our hands a copy only of the Minutes of the Sixty-first Annual Convention of the E. L. Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina, held in Mount Carmel Church, April 18th, 1864. The officers elected were Rev. J, Crim, President; Rev. J. B. Anthony, Recording Secretary; Rev. D. I. Dreher, Corresponding Secretary; and Maj. L. G. Hileg, Treasurer. A considerable amount of business was transacted at this meeting, but nothing having reference to this Synod. The Synod reports the death of three of its Ministers within the last year: Rev. C. Lentz, Rev. J. A. Linn and Rev. M. M. Miller. The next meeting will be held in St. Michael's Church, Iredell county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday of May, 1865.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
M. J. STIREWALT,
H. C. McALLISTER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 3.

We, the Committee on Papers addressed to this body, beg leave to submit the following:

Class No. 1, Embraces Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, which are certificates from St. Mark's, Lutheran Chapel, Philadelphia, Christ's, St. Luke's, Daniel's, Salem, (Lincoln Co., N. C.) Grace, Trinity, Bethphage, St. Peter's, Sharon, Morning Star, St. Martin's, (Cabarrus Co., N. C.) Emanuel's, St. Martin's, (Stanley Co., N. C.) Bethlehem, Bold Spring, Salem, (Alexander Co., N. C.) Mount Moriah and Zion, certifying that each of these congregations favor the adoption of the Revised Constitution, as proposed by the extra Session of Synod. No. 23, is a certificate from St. Martin's, (Iredell Co., N. C.) opposed to the adoption of the Revision of our Constitution.

Class No. 2., Embraces the letters addressed to Synod. No. 1, is a letter from Rev. J. E. Seneker, stating that the disturbed condition of the country is the reason he is absent from this meeting of Synod, and hopes to be excused. No. 2, Is a letter from Rev. Timothy

Moser, in which he states that it is necessary for him to attend the enrollment of conscripts in his county, and on that account he is compelled to be absent from this meeting. No. 3, Is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz, assigning the same reason of absence that Brother Moser does. No. 4, Is a letter from Rev. Daniel E. Fox, now in the Confederate service, asking a renewal of his license, and that he be authorized to perform all the ministerial functions.

Class No. 3, Embraces the petitions addressed to Synod. No. 1, Is a petition from Zion Church, praying for the renewal of the license of Rev. D. A. Goodman, and that the authority to administer the rite of confirmation in the absence of an ordained Minister be granted him. The petitioners advise Synod to defer final action upon the Revised Constitution until the brethren in Virginia can take action. No. 2, Is a petition from Luther's Church, praying for the examination, and if found qualified, the ordination of Rev. D. S. Henkel to the office of Pastor. No. 3, Is a petition from Miller's Church, praying for the renewal of the license of Rev. D. S. Henkel, and that authority to confirm be given him. Nos. 4, 5 and 6 are petitions from Morning Star, Bethlehem and St. Martins, asking the ordination of Rev. L. A. Fox to the office of Pastor. No. 6, Is a petition from Cedar Grove Church, Lexington District, S. C., desiring that the next convention of this Synod be held in that Church, and recommend that it convene on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1865.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. STIREWALT,
J. R. PETERSON,
D. C. SHUFORD.

It was received and considered by items.

Class 1st. Item 1st. *Resolved*, That final action upon the Revised Constitution be deferred until the next annual meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the brethren, whose congregations have not yet acted upon it, be most earnestly advised to bring this subject before their several congregations, and report at the said meeting.

Class 2d. Item 1st. Rev. J. E. Seneker was excused by former action of Synod.

Item 2d. *Resolved*, That Rev. T. Moser be excused.

Item 3d. *Resolved*, That Rev. C. Moretz be excused.

Item 4th. *Resolved*, That Rev. D. E. Fox's license be renewed and authority be given him to perform all the functions of the Gospel ministry from this date until the next annual meeting of Synod.

Class 3d. Item 1st. *Resolved*, That brother D. A. Goodman be examined with a view to licensure.

Item 2d. *Resolved*, That brother D. S. Henkel be also examined.

Item 3d. *Resolved*, That brother L. A. Fox be examined with a view to ordination.

Item 4th. *Resolved*, That the next annual convention of this Synod be held in Cedar Grove Church, Rev. A. Efird's charge, Lexington District, S. C., commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1865.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

Rev. D. A. Goodman preached;—text, Acts 17 : 30.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

After an intermission of an hour Synod was again called to order.

REPORT NO. 4.

We, the Committee on Treasurer's Report, beg leave to submit the following: We find that Synod is indebted to Treasurer $41 50. We find, also, a balance due to Synod, $52 50, for Minutes forwarded to some of our Ministers, who have not yet made payment. We recommend that Synod devise some plan by which immediate payment be made of the claim of Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
DANIEL SEIGLE,
JACOB MOSTELLER.

Adopted.

Resolved, That our Ministers be requested to call upon their congregations to raise funds to pay Treasurer's claim against Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the good people of this vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which it has been entertained during its stay among them; and that this resolution be read from the pulpit just previous to final adjournment.

Resolved, That the examination of candidates for the Ministry commence to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox preach the ordination sermon at 12 o'clock, M.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to forward an abstract of the proceedings of this meeting of Synod, for publication in the Southern Lutheran.

Resolved, That 500 copies of the Minutes of this convention be printed, provided a sufficient amount of funds be secured.

Resolved, That our Treasurer be instructed to correspond with our absent brethren, soliciting their assistance in circulating our Minutes among the people of their congregations and in paying the expense of publication.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Army Mission Fund be instructed to call upon our Ministers, at any time that funds may be needed, to take collections for the purpose contemplated in said mission; this call to be made through the Southern Lutheran.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Resolved, That, as we have no satisfactory excuse before us from Revs. A. and D. Efird and C. G. Reitzel for their absence, they be not excused.

Whereas, Revs. E. E. Smyre and J. M. Wagner absented themselves without permission from Synod, Resolved, That they be hereby censured.

On motion, the President appointed a committee to prepare and present to the next meeting of Synod a suitable Code of By-Laws. Com.: Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, P. C. Henkel. On motion, the President was added to this committee.

The Committee on Examination called up the candidates for the Ministry and consumed the remainder of the forenoon session in their examination.

When the examination was ended it was unanimously Resolved, That brother L. A. Fox be ordained. It was also Resolved, That brethren D. S. Henkel and D. A. Goodman be licensed.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Agreeably to the resolution of Synod the Ordination sermon was preached; text, 1 Tim. 2 : 15. Brother L. A. Fox was then solemnly consecrated to the office of Pastor by the laying on of hands and prayer; and brethren Henkel and Goodman licensed.

After a very appropriate and feeling address by the President, the Synod and congregation joined in singing a farewell hymn, and devoutly kneeling in prayer with him, and adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

A. J. FOX, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations,	Communicants	Baptisms.			Confirmations	Burials,
			Infants,	Adults,	Colored,		
Reverend I. Conder,	5						
" T. Crouse,	2						
" A. Efird,	5	450	52	2		56	12
" D. Efird,	4						
" A. J. Fox,	5	700	23	4	16	83	48
" L. A. Fox,	7	300	25	1	3	6	8
" D. A. Goodman,	1	117	2		2		
" H. Goodman,	1						
" A. Henkel,							
" D. S. Henkel,	3	160	6	1		6	10
" P. C. Henkel,	3						
" S. Henkel,	4						
" J. Killian,	2						
" C. Moretz,	2		22	1	1	2	2
" J. R. Moser,							
" T. Moser,	2						
" J. R. Peterson,	5	400	7	3	1	61	8
" G. Schmucker,	5						
" J. E. Seneker,	4						
" J. M. Smith,	3		19	1	3	47	23
" E. E. Smyre,	2						
" J. Stirewalt,	7						
" M. J. Stirewalt,	2	60	20				
" J. M. Wagner,							
" H. Wetzel,	4						

NOTE.—This table is very imperfect, because the majority of our Ministers neglected to send up their reports. It is earnestly desired that they annually make reports. SEC.

M. J. Stirewalt in account with Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

Dr.			*Cr.*		
1863.			1863.		
October 11.	Amount received of Treasurer of last year,	$ 41 00	Dec'r. 1st	Paid J. J. Bruner for printing Minutes of regular session,	$390 00
1864.					
October 7,	Received by sale of Minutes,	460 00	" 25th,	Paid postage on Minutes,	16 00
			1864.		
" 10.	105 copies of Minutes sold at 50 cts. per copy, for which payment has not yet been received	52 50	April 22d,	Paid E. B. Drake & Son for printing Minutes of extra session,	125 00
			" 30th,	Paid postage on Minutes of extra session,	4 00
			October 10.	Contingent expenses,	8 00
		$554 00			$543 00
		543 00			
October 12, 1864.					
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$ 11 00			

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.,

FROM OCTOBER 21ST TO 24TH, A. D., 1865.

OFFICERS:

REV. T. MOSER, *President;* REV. C. MORETZ, *Secretary;*
REV. J. M. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Synod to convene in Beck's Church, Davidson Caunty, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday of October, A. D., 1866.

MINUTES.

SATURDAY, October 21st, A. D., 1865.

The last Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod appointed its next Session to meet in Cedar Grove Church, Lexington District, S. C., to assemble at this time; but owing to the changed condition of public affairs, it became apparent to the officers of Synod for the present ecclesiastical year, that to meet at the place appointed would be totally impracticable if not impossible, and as there is some business of an indispensible nature to come before Synod, the Officers have changed the place of meeting, and accordingly a majority of the members of Synod, both Lay and Clerical, assembled in St. Peter's Church, Catawba Co., N. C., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday of October, A. D., 1865.

Divine service was introduced by Rev. T. Moser, who preached from Deut. 5:29. "O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever."

A recess was now given; after which Rev. I. Conder preached at the stand, from Hebrews 3:19. "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

At the same time the members of Synod assembled in the Church for the purpose of organizing. Inasmuch as the Secretary was not present, Rev. C. Moretz was appointed to act as Secretary *pro tem.* The Clerical roll was called. The following is a correct list of the Ministers belonging to this Synod with absentees noted:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Address.	Names.	Address.
1. Ambrose Henkel,*	New Market, Va.	14. T. Crouse,†	Sandy Creek, "
2. Henry Goodman,	Statesville, N. C.	15. Adam Efird,*	Lexington, S. C.
3. Geo. Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Va.	16. Daniel Efird,*	Frog Level, "
4. C. G. Reitzel,	Flint Rock, N. C.	17. S. Henkel,*	New Market, Va.
5. Jacob Killian,*	Waynesboro, Va.	18. J. E. Seneker,*	Burke's Mills, "
6. J. R. Moser,*	Fredickstown, Mo.	19. C. Moretz,	Taylorsville, N. C.
7. Jacob Stirewalt,*	New Market, Va.	20. J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, "
8. H. Wetzel,*	Woodstock, "	21. M. J. Stirewalt,‡	Statesville, "
9. A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, N. C.	22. E. E. Smyre,	Newton, "
10. P. C. Henkel,	Newton, "	23. I. Conder,	Lexington, "
11. J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, "	24. L. A. Fox,	Oak Grove, "
12. T. Moser,	Taylorsville, "	25. D. E. Fox,§	Newton "
13. J. M. Wagner,†	Killian's Mills, "		

LICENTIATES.

26. D. A. Goodman, Statesville, " ‖27. D. S. Henkel,

* Absent and excused; † Absent and not excused; ‡ Absent and case not considered; § Ordained this session.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches		Names.	Churches.	
D. A. Coon,	Grace, Daniel's,		Levi Back,	New Jerusalem,	"
"	Trinity, Bethpage, Salem,	N. C.	W. Crouse,	Beck's Church,	"
D. E. Miller,	Miller's,	"	A. Secrist,	Emanuel's,	"
F. L. Herman,	St. Paul's,	"	D. Little,	St. Peter's,	"
C. Henkel,	St. John's,	"	Eli Bost,	Sharon,	"
W. A Manney,	St. Mark's,	"	S. Hoover,	St. Martin's, Ire'll	"
Jacob Little,	Friendship,	"	G. W. Michael,	St. Martin's, Cab's	"
W. Laws,	Salem,	"	G. W. Fox,	Melanchton,	"
D. C. Link,	Bold Spring,	"	D. Link,	Zion's,	"
Z. T. Moretz,	Jackson,	"	Henry Costner,	Philadelphia,	"
Lawson Link,	Philadelphia,	"	Marcus Wike,	Haase's,	"
S. C. Bowman,	Pisgah,	"			

Synod now proceeded to elect Officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:—Rev. J. R. Peterson, President; Rev. C. Moretz, Secretary; Rev. J. M. Smith, Treasurer.

The papers addressed to Synod were next called for and handed in.

On application, Philadelphia Church, Caldwell county, N. C., and Pisgah Church, Alexander county, N. C., with their delegates were received into connection with this Synod.

The President next announced the following standing committees:

No. 1, On Minutes of last Synod: Revs. E. E. Smyre, C. Moretz, Mr. W. Crouse.

No. 2, On Minutes of Sister Synods: Revs. P. C. Henkel, T. Moser, Mr. G. W. Michael.

No. 3, On Letters and Petitions: Revs. I. Conder, J. M. Smith, and Mr. D. A. Coon.

No. 4, On Examination: Revs. T. Moser, J. M. Smith, and C. Moretz.

No. 5, On Treasurer's Report: Revs. H. Goodman, C. G. Reitzel, and Mr. W. A. Manney.

On motion, Synod now adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. C. Moretz.

SABBATH-DAY SERVICES.

At an early hour on Sunday morning an unusually large congregation of people assembled at a stand erected in the grove near the Church, and were addressed by the Rev. E. E. Smyre, who preached from Romans 8:3. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

An intermission of 20 minutes was given, after which Rev. J. R. Peterson preached. Text, Heb. 2:3. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation."

Confession and absolution were then solemnized according to the Evangelical custom, and the Holy Supper was administered to a very large number of communicants.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by the President.

At this period Revs. A. J. and L. A. Fox appeared and took their seats.

Committee No. 1, was called on and handed in the following Report:

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business of last Synod, submit the following: 1st, We refer Synod to page 9th, and recommend that the Committee appointed to report on certain controverted points of doctrine, be called upon to report. 2d, To page 13th, respecting final action on the Revised Constitution. 3d, To page 16th, and recommend that the Committee appointed to prepare a Code of By-Laws, be called upon to report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. SMYRE,
C. MORETZ,
W. CROUSE.

This Report was received and acted upon, item by item.

The Committee referred to in Item 1st, was discharged by Synod.

Item 2d. *Resolved*, That final action on the Revised Constitution be deferred till the next annual meeting of this body; and that the brethren in connection with this Synod who have not taken the vote of their congregations upon it, *be earnestly solicited to do so*, before the next regular session of Synod, *that final action may then be had.*

Item 3d. This Committee was continued.

Rev. T. Moser of Committee No. 2, now handed in the following Report:

We, your Committee on Minutes of sister Synods, find in our hands the Minutes of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Western Virginia. We find nothing in this that requires action on our part.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
T. MOSER,
G. W. MICHAEL.

Committee No. 3, now handed in the following Report:

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. We have petitions from St. Martin's, Stanly county, N. C, Flat Rock, Mt. Moriah and Phannel's, praying for the services and Licensure or Ordination of D. S. Henkel.

2d. A petition from Melanchton Church, asking for the Ordination of D. E. Fox.

3d. A petition from Coble's, Guilford county, asking for the examination of D. A. Goodman, and if found qualified, ordain him Pastor.

4th. A memorial from Morning Star asking for the prayers of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

I. CONDER,
J. M. SMITH.
D. A. COON.

Brethren D. E. Fox, D. S. Henkel and D. A. Goodman submitted to be examined.

Resolved, That congregations who do not desire the services of a candidate for the Ministry be advised by this Synod not to send up petitions for their Ordination or Licensure.

At this time the Rev. A. J. Fox gave notice that he would some time during this session of Synod, bring to its notice the subject of publicly Licensing young men for the Ministry.

Rev. H. Goodman, of Committee No. 4, now presented the following Report:

We, your Committee, would report that we have inquired into the state of the Treasury, and find nothing on hand.

Cheerfully submitted,

HENRY GOODMAN,
CHRISTIAN G. REITZEL,
W. A. MANNEY.

A recess was now given, during which Rev. L. A. Fox preached: Text, Col. 3:2. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

Upon motion it was, *Resolved*, That the President, or in his absence the Secretary, preach the opening sermon at the next session of Synod.

Resolved, That the President furnish a written report to the next session of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the kind people of this Congregation for the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained by them during this session of Synod, and that this resolution be read by the President just previous to adjournment.

Mr. Levi Beck was now excused from further attendance to the sessions of this Synod.

The President appointed Special Committee No. 1 to draft a form of Licensure. Committee:—Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel and T. Moser.

Synod now adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

The members of Synod assembled according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the present and last Sessions of Synod be published in one pamphlet.

Inasmuch as there is not a sufficiency of funds to defray the expense of printing the Minutes, be it therefore,

Resolved, That each Minister be required to take up collections for that purpose, and place the contributions so collected in the hands of the Treasurer as soon as practicable.

Upon motion of Mr. A. Secrist it was,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that no person shall be entitled to Church privileges who shall neglect for a longer time than one year to contribute to the support of the Ministry, without pleading inability.

Special Committee No. 1, now reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable form for the Licensure of candidates for the Ministry, would submit the following

FORM OF LICENSURE.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Beloved in the Lord:—You stand here in the presence of God, to receive authority from the Church to preach the Gospel of reconciliation. Having found you possessed of the requisite qualifications and ascertained that you have received calls as Pastors of Churches, we consider ourselves fully authorized, solemnly to invest you with this sacred office.

Hear first the Word of God which is recorded in Matthew XXVIII, 18:20. "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying: All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth.—Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Also, John X, 1–16. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But

he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers. This spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again: Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and go in and out and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling and careth not for the sheep.—I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

Let these portions of Scripture teach you how great is the dignity and importance of the office to which you are called. You are to teach and exhort, to feed and take care of the flock of Christ; and likewise to gather in the scattered sheep, that they be saved. Never lose sight of the momentous duties which pertain to this office. What indescribable guilt would you incur, if through your negligence and slothfulness or the actual violation of your trust, immortal souls should be neglected and perish! But unspeakably great and glorious will be your reward, if through your instrumentality many precious souls shall be brought to Jesus and rescued from temporal and eternal destruction. The duties which devolve upon you as licentiate in the Gospel ministry are as follows:

I. A licensed candidate is authorized, no less than ordained Ministers, to perform all ministerial acts in the congregations committed to him. (He is, however, restricted to churches given him in charge, and is not authorized to vacate or change them for others without the consent of the Synod or President. He has no right to officiate as a Minister in the congregation of another unless invited by him to do so.) He may with the sanction of the President visit and accept a call from vacant congregations.

II. His duty is to preach the pure, and unadulterated Word of God, to give religious instructions to children, to visit the sick, to administer the sacraments, to solemnize marriages, to prosecute his studies with diligence, and in all cases of difficulty to seek the advice of the President, or of his elder brethren in the vicinity.

III. He must keep a diary of his ministerial acts, and present it, together with a sermon of his own composition annually to Synod for its inspection. His certificate of Licensure must also be returned in order to its renewal. These papers endorsed with his name, must be handed to the Pastor *loci*, immediately after his arrival at the place of Synodical meeting. In common with ordained Ministers, he must record his baptism.

IV. He is required, unless serious impediments be in the way, to attend the annual Synodical meetings in which he is entitled to a seat and also a vote. Should he not be able to attend, a written excuse must be sent, and also his diary with a written sermon and his license.

These, beloved brethren, are the duties which you are now authorized and required, by the help of God, to perform. Will you strive to fulfill them to the best of your ability, and faithfully to discharge, in accordance with the will of God, the functions of the office with which you are entrusted; will you preach in their purity the doctrines of our Church as they are

set forth in God's Holy Word, and the symbols of our Church, and will you endeavor by the grace of God to be a pattern to your congregations in faith and love; if so, declare this your purpose in the presence of God and this Christian assembly, by saying : Yes.

You have witnessed a good confession, and to it we say yea and Amen.

And now agreeably to ancient and sacred usage, extend to us your right hand in confirmation of the promises which you have made.

Receive, through this License, permission and authority to preach the Word of God and to administer the sacraments in the Churches confided to your care. The great Chief Shepherd and Bishop of the Church, guide you into all needful truth. May he strengthen you in all your efforts for the advancement of his glory, and give you grace to labor with untiring zeal for the salvation of immortal souls, and to discharge all your duties with fidelity. Then when He shall appear, shall you also appear with Him in glory.

PRAYER.

Lord Jesus Christ! Thou art truly the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of thy Church. Thou hast founded it and preserved and governed it unto this day. Thou has appointed teachers and evangelists to be stewards of the mysteries of God, to instruct, to exhort, to beseech, to break the bread of life in Thy name and in Thy stead. Look in mercy upon these Thy servants who have been called to this office. Grant them a correct understanding of Thy truth; fill them with love to Thee and toward those whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood; and thus quicken them to pure zeal in the cause of human salvation, and clothe them with the ornament of an irreproachable walk and conversation, that so they may serve Thee with fidelity and godly sincerity, laboring for the extension of Thy kingdom and the salvation of immortal souls. Son of God, our Lord and Head! Help us all whom Thou has sent into Thy harvest, to labor more and more faithfully in our holy calling—strengthen and guide us by Thy grace to seek those who have gone astray, to bring back into Thy fold lost sheep; to encourage and strengthen the feeble, and to edify and establish Thy people. Add Thy blessing to our labors in all churches committed to our care to the praise of Thy name, and the salvation of undying souls. And unto Thee be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
T. MOSER,
P. C. HENKEL.

Inasmuch as the question concerning the formula used in the administration of the Lord's Supper, was spoken of, it was thought most prudent to defer the discussion of that subject until the next annual session of this Synod. And in the mean time *all the Ministers of this body are to adhere strictly to the present existing form.*

The examination of the brethren D. E. Fox and D. S. Henkel now took place and was conducted by the Committee of Examination.

D. A. Goodman, in consequence of indisposition, declined to submit.

Bro. D. E. Fox sustained himself to the satisfaction of Synod and was ordained Pastor.

Bro. D. S. Henkel also well sustained himself and was Licensed for one year.

The President now resigned his office to Synod and was excused from further attendance, when Rev. T. Moser was chosen President.

Bro. D. A. Goodman was Licensed for one year.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

After recess Rev. A. J. Fox preached an Ordination sermon: Text, Acts 16 : 17. "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation."

The President now read the vote of thanks, which was his duty by a resolution of Synod.

The congregation united with the President in supplicating a throne of God's grace.

Synod now adjourned to meet, God willing, in Beck's Church, Davidson county, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D., 1866.

C. MORETZ, SECRETARY.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.		Congregations,	Communicants	Baptisms.			Confirmations.	Burials,
				Infants,	Adults,	Colored,		
Reverend A. J. Fox,		5	700	44	13		9	32
" P. C. Henkel,	2 years,	4	700	50	2	1	90	75
" J. R. Peterson,		5	400	18			4	4
" T. Moser,		2	200	12			1	17
" C. Moretz,		4	140	12	1			5
" J. M. Smith,		3		24	3	1	28	25
" H. Goodman,		1						
" E. E. Smyre,								
" L. A. Fox,		4	150	11	1		24	2
" D. E. Fox,		1	30	2				
" D. S. Henkel,		4	150	9	1			

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

ST. MARK'S CHURCH,

GASTON COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 8TH—13TH, 1864.

OFFICERS:

REV. J. M. SMITH, PRESIDENT, REV. A. J. FOX, SECRETARY,
REV. M. J. STIREWALT, TREASURER.

MINUTES.

SATURDAY, October 8th, 1864.

Synod convened in St. Mark's Church, Gaston county. N. C. The day was entirely devoted to the worship of God. At 11 o'clock a sermon was preached by Rev. Iranaeus Conder; Text, Tit. 2: 11, 12. After the sermon, twenty-six (26) persons were received into the Church by the solemn and impressive rite of confirmation.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., Rev. M. J. Stirewalt preached. Text: 1st Pet., 2:5.

In the evening Rev. L. A. Fox preached. Text: 1st Cor., 6: 20. "Glorify God in your bodies and in your spirits, which are His."

SABBATH-DAY SERVICES.

At 10 o'clock, Rev. J. M. Smith preached. Text: St. John, 9: 35—"Dost thou believe on the Son of God."

In the afternoon, Rev. E. E. Smyre preached from Heb. 13: 20, 21. Immediately after the sermon the Lord's Supper was celebrated by the members of Synod and a large number of other communicants.

At candle lighting, Rev. David S. Henkel preached from Rev. 2: 7.

FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod assembled, and was opened with worship conducted by Rev. H. Goodman. The Secretary called the Roll. Delegates handed in their certificates of election.

MINISTERS.

Ministers.	Address.	Ministers.	Address.
1. Rev. I. Conder,	Lexington, N. C.	13. T. Moser,*	Taylorsville, N. C.
2. T. Crouse,*	Sandy Creek, "	14. C. Moretz,*	" "
3. A. Efird,†	Lexington, S. C.	15. J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, "
4. D. Efird,†	Frog Level, "	16. C. G. Reitzel,†	Flint Rock, "
5. A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, "	17. Geo. Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Va.
6. L. A. Fox,‡	Oak Grove, "	18. J. E. Seneker,*	Burke's Mills, "
7. H. Goodman,	Statesville, "	19. J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N.C.
8. A. Henkel,*	New Market, Va.	20. E. E. Smyre,	Newton, "
9. P. C. Henkel,	Newton, N. C.	21. J. Stirewalt,*	New Market, Va.
10. S. Henkel,*	New Market, Va.	22. M. J. Stirewalt,	Statesville, N. C.
11. J. Killian,*	Waynesboro, "	23. J. M. Wagner,	Killian's Mills, "
12. J. R. Moser,*	Castor, Missouri.	24. H. Wetzel,*	Woodstock, Va.

LICENTIATES.

Rev. D. E. Fox,* 38th N. C. Regiment, C. S. A.; D. A. Goodman, Statesville, N. C.; D. S. Henkel, Newton, N. C.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches	Names.	Churches.
Mr. J. Kiser,	St. Mark's,	Dr. W. W. McGinnis,	Bethphage,
" H. C. McAllister,	Philadelphia,	Mr. J. Mosteller,	Zions,
" J. A. Weathers,	St. Luke's,	" G. D. L. Yount,	St. John's,
" Lewis Limebarger,	Luther's Chapel,	" J. Hedick,	Salem and Friendship,
" George Coon,	Daniels,		
" D. Seigle,	Trinity,	" A. D. Hollar,	Miller's,
" D. C. Shuford,	Grace,	" Joseph Harkey,	Morning Star.

* Absent and excused. † Unexcused. ‡ Ordained this session.

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Synod now elected officers for the ensuing year. The following were chosen: Rev. J. M. Smith, President; Rev. A. J. Fox, Secretary; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Treasurer.

The papers addressed to Synod were called for and handed in, and placed in the hands of a committee for arrangement. Com.: Revs. E. E Smyre and M. J. Stirewalt.

Rev. J. R. Peterson introduced the following preamble and resolution, which, after a free interchange of opinions, were unanimously adopted.

Feeling, as we do, the great want of a Religious Periodical in the families of our connexion, and as the Southern Lutheran is the only paper of Lutheran character now published in the Confederate States, be it therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod most cheerfully recommend the Southern Lutheran to the families composing our congregations, and that the Ministers connected with this Synod be encouraged to introduce it into our families.

Resolved, That a collection be taken immediately after the sermon to-day for the purpose of sending the Lutheran to the soldiers.

The President then announced the following committees:

No. 1. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. H. Goodman, I. Conder, and Mr. J. Hedick.

No. 2. *Letters and Petitions*—Revs. M. J. Stirewalt, J. R. Peterson, and Mr. D. C. Shuford.

No. 3. *Minutes of Sister Synods*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. J. Stirewalt, and Mr. H. C. McAllister.

No. 4. *Examination*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. J. Stirewalt, H. Goodman.

No. 5. *On Treasurer's Report*—Rev. P. C. Henkel, and Messrs. D. Seigle and J. Mosteller.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

During the intermission Rev. P. C. Henkel preached. Text, Romans, 10: 13.

The collection for Soldiers' paper was $163 00.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod resumed the transaction of business.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox be appointed to take charge of the funds for Soldiers' paper, to forward to the Lutheran and give direction as to their disposition.

The absence of some of the Ministers was now considered.

Resolved, That, in view of their proximity to the enemy, all of the Virginia brethren be excused for their non-attendance.

Resolved, That Rev. J. R. Moser and T. Crouse be excused for not attending.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod assembled. Prayer by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. I. Conder, of Committee No. 1. submitted Report No. 1.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to submit the following:

On the 5th page, we find that a Committee was appointed to revise our Liturgy. Is that Committee prepared to report? On the 6th page, we find that Rev. A. J. Fox was appointed a delegate to the Holston Synod. Did he attend? On the same page we learn, that a Committee was appointed to investigate and report, "whether the different Denominations have the true Church or not, and also to show whether it is proper to say they have." Can it report? On the same page, also, we find that a Committee was appointed to give an expression of this Synod's views on certain controverted tenets. Can that Committee report? On the 8th page, we observe that the Ministers then present, agreed to perform missionary labors in the Army. Did they comply? Respectfully submitted,

H. GOODMAN,
I. CONDER,
J. HEDICK.

Received and acted upon by items. Item 1st. This Committee was not represented in Synod. *Resolved*, That it be discharged. Item 2nd. The delegate to the Holston Synod stated his reasons for not attending that Synod. *Resolved*, That he be excused. Item 3rd. This Committee did not report. *Resolved*, That it be continued. Item 4th. This Committee did not report. Item 5th. Several of the brethren stated that they visited some portions of our army during last Winter.

The Treasurer of last year now handed in his Report, (see Appendix,) which was referred to Committee No. 5.

Rev. J. R. Peterson, from Committee No. 3., handed in the following:

Report No. 2.—We, your Committee upon Minutes of other Synods, find in our hands a copy only of the Minutes of the Sixty-first Annual Convention of the E. L. Synod and Ministerium of North Carolina, held in Mount Carmel Church, April 18th, 1864. The officers elected were Rev. J, Crim, President; Rev. J. B. Anthony, Recording Secretary; Rev. D. I. Dreher, Corresponding Secretary; and Maj. L. G. Hileg, Treasurer. A considerable amount of business was transacted at this meeting, but nothing having reference to this Synod. The Synod reports the death of three of its Ministers within the last year: Rev. C. Lentz, Rev. J. A. Linn and Rev. M. M. Miller. The next meeting will be held in St. Michael's Church, Iredell county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the first Sunday of May, 1865.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
M. J. STIREWALT,
H. C. McALLISTER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE NO. 3.

We, the Committee on Papers addressed to this body, beg leave to submit the following:

Class No. 1, Embraces Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, which are certificates from St. Mark's, Lutheran Chapel, Philadelphia, Christ's, St. Luke's, Daniel's, Salem, (Lincoln Co., N. C.) Grace, Trinity, Bethphage, St. Peter's, Sharon, Morning Star, St. Martin's, (Cabarrus Co., N. C.) Emanuel's, St. Martin's, (Stanley Co., N. C.) Bethlehem, Bold Spring, Salem, (Alexander Co., N. C.) Mount Moriah and Zion, certifying that each of these congregations favor the adoption of the Revised Constitution, as proposed by the extra Session of Synod. No. 23, is a certificate from St. Martin's, (Iredell Co., N. C.) opposed to the adoption of the Revision of our Constitution.

Class No. 2., Embraces the letters addressed to Synod. No. 1, is a letter from Rev. J. E. Seneker, stating that the disturbed condition of the country is the reason he is absent from this meeting of Synod, and hopes to be excused. No. 2, Is a letter from Rev. Timothy

Moser, in which he states that it is necessary for him to attend the enrollment of conscripts in his county, and on that account he is compelled to be absent from this meeting. No. 3, Is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz, assigning the same reason of absence that Brother Moser does. No. 4, Is a letter from Rev. Daniel E. Fox, now in the Confederate service, asking a renewal of his license, and that he be authorized to perform all the ministerial functions.

Class No. 3, Embraces the petitions addressed to Synod. No. 1, Is a petition from Zion Church, praying for the renewal of the license of Rev. D. A. Goodman, and that the authority to administer the rite of confirmation in the absence of an ordained Minister be granted him. The petitioners advise Synod to defer final action upon the Revised Constitution until the brethren in Virginia can take action. No 2, Is a petition from Luther's Church, praying for the examination, and if found qualified, the ordination of Rev. D. S. Henkel to the office of Pastor. No. 3, Is a petition from Miller's Church, praying for the renewal of the license of Rev. D. S. Henkel, and that authority to confirm be given him. Nos. 4, 5 and 6 are petitions from Morning Star, Bethlehem and St. Martins, asking the ordination of Rev. L. A. Fox to the office of Pastor. No. 6, Is a petition from Cedar Grove Church, Lexington District, S. C., desiring that the next convention of this Synod be held in that Church, and recommend that it convene on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1865.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. STIREWALT,
J. R. PETERSON,
D. C. SHUFORD.

It was received and considered by items.

Class 1st. Item 1st. *Resolved*, That final action upon the Revised Constitution be deferred until the next annual meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the brethren, whose congregations have not yet acted upon it, be most earnestly advised to bring this subject before their several congregations, and report at the said meeting.

Class 2d. Item 1st. Rev. J. E. Seneker was excused by former action of Synod.

Item 2d. *Resolved*, That Rev. T. Moser be excused.

Item 3d. *Resolved*, That Rev. C. Moretz be excused.

Item 4th. *Resolved*, That Rev. D. E. Fox's license be renewed and authority be given him to perform all the functions of the Gospel ministry from this date until the next annual meeting of Synod.

Class 3d. Item 1st. *Resolved*, That brother D. A. Goodman be examined with a view to licensure.

Item 2d. *Resolved*, That brother D. S. Henkel be also examined.

Item 3d. *Resolved*, That brother L. A. Fox be examined with a view to ordination.

Item 4th. *Resolved*, That the next annual convention of this Synod be held in Cedar Grove Church, Rev. A. Efird's charge, Lexington District, S. C., commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1865.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

Rev. D. A. Goodman preached;—text, Acts 17 : 30.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

After an intermission of an hour Synod was again called to order.

REPORT NO. 4.

We, the Committee on Treasurer's Report, beg leave to submit the following: We find that Synod is indebted to Treasurer $41 50. We find, also, a balance due to Synod, $52 50, for Minutes forwarded to some of our Ministers, who have not yet made payment. We recommend that Synod devise some plan by which immediate payment be made of the claim of Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
DANIEL SEIGLE,
JACOB MOSTELLER.

Adopted.

Resolved, That our Ministers be requested to call upon their congregations to raise funds to pay Treasurer's claim against Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the good people of this vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which it has been entertained during its stay among them; and that this resolution be read from the pulpit just previous to final adjournment.

Resolved, That the examination of candidates for the Ministry commence to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox preach the ordination sermon at 12 o'clock, M.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to forward an abstract of the proceedings of this meeting of Synod, for publication in the Southern Lutheran.

Resolved, That 500 copies of the Minutes of this convention be printed, provided a sufficient amount of funds be secured.

Resolved, That our Treasurer be instructed to correspond with our absent brethren, soliciting their assistance in circulating our Minutes among the people of their congregations and in paying the expense of publication.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Army Mission Fund be instructed to call upon our Ministers, at any time that funds may be needed, to take collections for the purpose contemplated in said mission; this call to be made through the Southern Lutheran.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Resolved, That, as we have no satisfactory excuse before us from Revs. A. and D. Efird and C. G. Reitzel for their absence, they be not excused.

Whereas, Revs. E. E. Smyre and J. M. Wagner absented themselves without permission from Synod, Resolved, That they be hereby censured.

On motion, the President appointed a committee to prepare and present to the next meeting of Synod a suitable Code of By-Laws. Com.: Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, P. C. Henkel. On motion, the President was added to this committee.

The Committee on Examination called up the candidates for the Ministry and consumed the remainder of the forenoon session in their examination.

When the examination was ended it was unanimously Resolved, That brother L. A. Fox be ordained. It was also Resolved, That brethren D. S. Henkel and D. A. Goodman be licensed.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. M. J. Stirewalt.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Agreeably to the resolution of Synod the Ordination sermon was preached; text, 1 Tim. 2 : 15. Brother L. A. Fox was then solemnly consecrated to the office of Pastor by the laying on of hands and prayer; and brethren Henkel and Goodman licensed.

After a very appropriate and feeling address by the President, the Synod and congregation joined in singing a farewell hymn, and devoutly kneeling in prayer with him, and adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

A. J. FOX, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations,	Communicants	Baptisms.			Confirmations	Burials,
			Infants,	Adults,	Colored,		
Reverend I. Conder,	5						
" T. Crouse,	2						
" A. Efird,	5	450	52	2		56	12
" D. Efird,	4						
" A. J. Fox,	5	700	23	4	16	83	48
" L. A. Fox,	7	300	25	1	3	6	8
" D. A. Goodman,	1	117	2		2		
" H. Goodman,	1						
" A. Henkel,							
" D. S. Henkel,	3	160	6	1		6	10
" P. C. Henkel,	3						
" S. Henkel,	4						
" J. Killian,	2						
" C. Moretz,	2		22	1	1	2	2
" J. R. Moser,							
" T. Moser,	2						
" J. R. Peterson,	5	400	7	3	1	61	8
" G. Schmucker,	5						
" J. E. Seneker,	4						
" J. M. Smith,	3		19	1	3	47	23
" E. E. Smyre,	2						
" J. Stirewalt,	7						
" M. J. Stirewalt,	2	60	20				
" J. M. Wagner,							
" H. Wetzel,	4						

NOTE.—This table is very imperfect, because the majority of our Ministers neglected to send up their reports. It is earnestly desired that they annually make reports. SEC.

M. J. Stirewalt in account with Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

Dr.			*Cr.*		
1863.			1863.		
October 11.	Amount received of Treasurer of last year,	$ 41 00	Dec'r. 1st	Paid J. J. Bruner for printing Minutes of regular session,	$390 00
1864.			" 25th,	Paid postage on Minutes,	16 00
October 7,	Received by sale of Minutes,	460 00	1864.		
" 10.	105 copies of Minutes sold at 50 cts. per copy, for which payment has not yet been received	52 50	April 22d,	Paid E. B. Drake & Son for printing Minutes of extra session,	125 00
			" 30th,	Paid postage on Minutes of extra session,	4 00
			October 10.	Contingent expenses,	8 00
		$554 00			$543 00
		543 00			
October 12, 1864.					
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$ 11 00			

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.,

FROM OCTOBER 21ST TO 24TH, A. D., 1865.

OFFICERS:

REV. T. MOSER, *President;* REV. C. MORETZ, *Secretary;*
REV. J. M. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Synod to convene in Beck's Church, Davidson Caunty, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday of October, A. D., 1866.

MINUTES.

SATURDAY, October 21st, A. D., 1865.

The last Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod appointed its next Session to meet in Cedar Grove Church, Lexington District, S. C., to assemble at this time; but owing to the changed condition of public affairs, it became apparent to the officers of Synod for the present ecclesiastical year, that to meet at the place appointed would be totally impracticable if not impossible, and as there is some business of an indispensible nature to come before Synod, the Officers have changed the place of meeting, and accordingly a majority of the members of Synod, both Lay and Clerical, assembled in St. Peter's Church, Catawba Co., N. C., on Saturday before the fourth Sunday of October, A. D., 1865.

Divine service was introduced by Rev. T. Moser, who preached from Deut. 5:29. "O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever."

A recess was now given; after which Rev. I. Conder preached at the stand, from Hebrews 3:19. "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

At the same time the members of Synod assembled in the Church for the purpose of organizing. Inasmuch as the Secretary was not present, Rev. C. Moretz was appointed to act as Secretary *pro tem.* The Clerical roll was called. The following is a correct list of the Ministers belonging to this Synod with absentees noted:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Address.	Names.	Address.
1. Ambrose Henkel,*	New Market, Va.	14. T. Crouse,†	Sandy Creek, "
2. Henry Goodman,	Statesville, N. C.	15. Adam Efird,*	Lexington, S. C.
3. Geo. Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Va.	16. Daniel Efird,*	Frog Level, "
4. C. G. Reitzel,	Flint Rock, N. C.	17. S. Henkel,*	New Market, Va.
5. Jacob Killian,*	Waynesboro, Va.	18. J. E. Seneker,*	Burke's Mills, "
6. J. R. Moser,*	Fredickstown, Mo.	19. C. Moretz,	Taylorsville, N. C.
7. Jacob Stirewalt,*	New Market, Va.	20. J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, "
8. H. Wetzel,*	Woodstock, "	21. M. J. Stirewalt,‡	Statesville, "
9. A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, N. C.	22. E. E. Smyre,	Newton, "
10. P. C. Henkel,	Newton, "	23. I. Conder,	Lexington, "
11. J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, "	24. L. A. Fox,	Oak Grove, "
12. T. Moser,	Taylorsville, "	25. D. E. Fox,§	Newton "
13. J. M. Wagner,†	Killian's Mills, "		

LICENTIATES.

26. D. A. Goodman, Statesville, " ||27. D. S. Henkel,

* Absent and excused; † Absent and not excused; ‡ Absent and case not considered; § Ordained this session.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches	Names.	Churches.
D. A. Coon,	Grace, Daniel's,	Levi Back,	New Jerusalem, "
"	Trinity, Bethpage, Salem, N. C.	W. Crouse,	Beck's Church, "
D. E. Miller,	Miller's, "	A. Secrist,	Emanuel's, "
F. L. Herman,	St. Paul's, "	D. Little,	St. Peter's, "
C. Henkel,	St. John's, "	Eli Bost,	Sharon, "
W. A Manney,	St. Mark's, "	S. Hoover,	St. Martin's, Ire'll "
Jacob Little,	Friendship, "	G. W. Michael,	St. Martin's, Cab's "
W. Laws,	Salem, "	G. W. Fox,	Melanchton, "
D. C. Link,	Bold Spring, "	D. Link,	Zion's, "
Z. T. Moretz,	Jackson, "	Henry Costner,	Philadelphia, "
Lawson Link,	Philadelphia, "	Marcus Wike,	Haase's, "
S. C. Bowman,	Pisgah, "		

Synod now proceeded to elect Officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:—Rev. J. R. Peterson, President; Rev. C. Moretz, Secretary; Rev. J. M. Smith, Treasurer.

The papers addressed to Synod were next called for and handed in.

On application, Philadelphia Church, Caldwell county, N. C., and Pisgah Church, Alexander county, N. C., with their delegates were received into connection with this Synod.

The President next announced the following standing committees:

No. 1, On Minutes of last Synod: Revs. E. E. Smyre, C. Moretz, Mr. W. Crouse.

No. 2, On Minutes of Sister Synods: Revs. P. C. Henkel, T. Moser, Mr. G. W. Michael.

No. 3, On Letters and Petitions: Revs. I. Conder, J. M. Smith, and Mr. D. A. Coon.

No. 4, On Examination: Revs. T. Moser, J. M. Smith, and C. Moretz.

No. 5, On Treasurer's Report: Revs. H. Goodman, C. G. Reitzel, and Mr. W. A. Manney.

On motion, Synod now adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer by Rev. C. Moretz.

SABBATH-DAY SERVICES.

At an early hour on Sunday morning an unusually large congregation of people assembled at a stand erected in the grove near the Church, and were addressed by the Rev. E. E. Smyre, who preached from Romans 8:3. "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

An intermission of 20 minutes was given, after which Rev. J. R. Peterson preached. Text, Heb. 2:3. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation."

Confession and absolution were then solemnized according to the Evangelical custom, and the Holy Supper was administered to a very large number of communicants.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by the President.

At this period Revs. A. J. and L. A. Fox appeared and took their seats.

Committee No. 1, was called on and handed in the following Report:

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business of last Synod, submit the following: 1st, We refer Synod to page 9th, and recommend that the Committee appointed to report on certain controverted points of doctrine, be called upon to report. 2d, To page 13th, respecting final action on the Revised Constitution. 3d, To page 16th, and recommend that the Committee appointed to prepare a Code of By-Laws, be called upon to report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. SMYRE,
C. MORETZ.
W. CROUSE.

This Report was received and acted upon, item by item.

The Committee referred to in Item 1st, was discharged by Synod.

Item 2d. *Resolved*, That final action on the Revised Constitution be deferred till the next annual meeting of this body; and that the brethren in connection with this Synod who have not taken the vote of their congregations upon it, *be earnestly solicited to do so*, before the next regular session of Synod, *that final action may then be had.*

Item 3d. This Committee was continued.

Rev. T. Moser of Committee No. 2, now handed in the following Report:

We, your Committee on Minutes of sister Synods, find in our hands the Minutes of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Western Virginia. We find nothing in this that requires action on our part.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
T. MOSER,
G. W. MICHAEL.

Committee No. 3, now handed in the following Report:

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. We have petitions from St. Martin's, Stanly county, N. C, Flat Rock, Mt. Moriah and Phannel's, praying for the services and Licensure or Ordination of D. S. Henkel.

2d. A petition from Melanchton Church, asking for the Ordination of D. E. Fox.

3d A petition from Coble's, Guilford county, asking for the examination of D. A. Goodman, and if found qualified, ordain him Pastor.

4th. A memorial from Morning Star asking for the prayers of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

I. CONDER,
J. M. SMITH.
D. A. COON.

Brethren D. E. Fox, D. S. Henkel and D. A. Goodman submitted to be examined.

Resolved, That congregations who do not desire the services of a candidate for the Ministry be advised by this Synod not to send up petitions for their Ordination or Licensure.

At this time the Rev. A. J. Fox gave notice that he would some time during this session of Synod, bring to its notice the subject of publicly Licensing young men for the Ministry.

Rev. H. Goodman, of Committee No. 4, now presented the following Report:

We, your Committee, would report that we have inquired into the state of the Treasury, and find nothing on hand.

Cheerfully submitted,

HENRY GOODMAN,
CHRISTIAN G. REITZEL,
W. A. MANNEY.

A recess was now given, during which Rev. L. A. Fox preached: Text, Col. 3:2. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

Upon motion it was, *Resolved*, That the President, or in his absence the Secretary, preach the opening sermon at the next session of Synod.

Resolved, That the President furnish a written report to the next session of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to the kind people of this Congregation for the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained by them during this session of Synod, and that this resolution be read by the President just previous to adjournment.

Mr. Levi Beck was now excused from further attendance to the sessions of this Synod.

The President appointed Special Committee No. 1 to draft a form of Licensure. Commitmittee :—Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel and T. Moser.

Synod now adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

The members of Synod assembled according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

Resolved, That the Minutes of the present and last Sessions of Synod be published in one pamphlet.

Inasmuch as there is not a sufficiency of funds to defray the expense of printing the Minutes, be it therefore,

Resolved, That each Minister be required to take up collections for that purpose, and place the contributions so collected in the hands of the Treasurer as soon as practicable.

Upon motion of Mr. A. Secrist it was,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that no person shall be entitled to Church privileges who shall neglect for a longer time than one year to contribute to the support of the Ministry, without pleading inability.

Special Committee No. 1, now reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable form for the Licensure of candidates for the Ministry, would submit the following

FORM OF LICENSURE.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Beloved in the Lord:—You stand here in the presence of God, to receive authority from the Church to preach the Gospel of reconciliation. Having found you possessed of the requisite qualifications and ascertained that you have received calls as Pastors of Churches, we consider ourselves fully authorized, solemnly to invest you with this sacred office.

Hear first the Word of God which is recorded in Matthew XXVIII, 18:20. "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying: All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth.—Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Also, John X, 1–16. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But

he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers. This spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what they were which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again: Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and go in and out and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but to steal, and to kill and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth because he is an hireling and careth not for the sheep.—I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

Let these portions of Scripture teach you how great is the dignity and importance of the office to which you are called. You are to teach and exhort, to feed and take care of the flock of Christ; and likewise to gather in the scattered sheep, that they be saved. Never lose sight of the momentous duties which pertain to this office. What indescribable guilt would you incur, if through your negligence and slothfulness or the actual violation of your trust, immortal souls should be neglected and perish! But unspeakably great and glorious will be your reward, if through your instrumentality many precious souls shall be brought to Jesus and rescued from temporal and eternal destruction. The duties which devolve upon you as licentiate in the Gospel ministry are as follows:

I. A licensed candidate is authorized, no less than ordained Ministers, to perform all ministerial acts in the congregations committed to him. (He is, however, restricted to churches given him in charge, and is not authorized to vacate or change them for others without the consent of the Synod or President. He has no right to officiate as a Minister in the congregation of another unless invited by him to do so.) He may with the sanction of the President visit and accept a call from vacant congregations

II. His duty is to preach the pure, and unadulterated Word of God, to give religious instructions to children, to visit the sick, to administer the sacraments, to solemnize marriages, to prosecute his studies with diligence, and in all cases of difficulty to seek the advice of the President, or of his elder brethren in the vicinity.

III. He must keep a diary of his ministerial acts, and present it, together with a sermon of his own composition annually to Synod for its inspection. His certificate of Licensure must also be returned in order to its renewal. These papers endorsed with his name, must be handed to the Pastor *loci*, immediately after his arrival at the place of Synodical meeting. In common with ordained Ministers, he must record his baptism.

IV. He is required, unless serious impediments be in the way, to attend the annual Synodical meetings in which he is entitled to a seat and also a vote. Should he not be able to attend, a written excuse must be sent, and also his diary with a written sermon and his license.

These, beloved brethren, are the duties which you are now authorized and required, by the help of God, to perform. Will you strive to fulfill them to the best of your ability, and faithfully to discharge, in accordance with the will of God, the functions of the office with which you are entrusted; will you preach in their purity the doctrines of our Church as they are

set forth in God's Holy Word, and the symbols of our Church, and will you endeavor by the grace of God to be a pattern to your congregations in faith and love; if so, declare this your purpose in the presence of God and this Christian assembly, by saying : Yes.

You have witnessed a good confession, and to it we say yea and Amen.

And now agreeably to ancient and sacred usage, extend to us your right hand in confirmation of the promises which you have made.

Receive, through this License, permission and authority to preach the Word of God and to administer the sacraments in the Churches confided to your care. The great Chief Shepherd and Bishop of the Church, guide you into all needful truth. May he strengthen you in all your efforts for the advancement of his glory, and give you grace to labor with untiring zeal for the salvation of immortal souls, and to discharge all your duties with fidelity. Then when He shall appear, shall you also appear with Him in glory.

PRAYER.

Lord Jesus Christ! Thou art truly the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of thy Church. Thou hast founded it and preserved and governed it unto this day. Thou has appointed teachers and evangelists to be stewards of the mysteries of God, to instruct, to exhort, to beseech; to break the bread of life in Thy name and in Thy stead. Look in mercy upon these Thy servants who have been called to this office. Grant them a correct understanding of Thy truth; fill them with love to Thee and toward those whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood; and thus quicken them to pure zeal in the cause of human salvation, and clothe them with the ornament of an irreproachable walk and conversation, that so they may serve Thee with fidelity and godly sincerity, laboring for the extension of Thy kingdom and the salvation of immortal souls. Son of God, our Lord and Head! Help us all whom Thou has sent into Thy harvest, to labor more and more faithfully in our holy calling—strengthen and guide us by Thy grace to seek those who have gone astray, to bring back into Thy fold lost sheep, to encourage and strengthen the feeble, and to edify and establish Thy people. Add Thy blessing to our labors in all churches committed to our care to the praise of Thy name, and the salvation of undying souls. And unto Thee be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
T. MOSER,
P. C. HENKEL.

Inasmuch as the question concerning the formula used in the administration of the Lord's Supper, was spoken of, it was thought most prudent to defer the discussion of that subject until the next annual session of this Synod. And in the mean time *all the Ministers of this body are to adhere strictly to the present existing form.*

The examination of the brethren D. E. Fox and D. S. Henkel now took place and was conducted by the Committee of Examination.

D. A. Goodman, in consequence of indisposition, declined to submit.

Bro. D. E. Fox sustained himself to the satisfaction of Synod and was ordained Pastor.

Bro. D. S. Henkel also well sustained himself and was Licensed for one year.

The President now resigned his office to Synod and was excused from further attendance, when Rev. T. Moser was chosen President.

Bro. D. A. Goodman was Licensed for one year.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

After recess Rev. A. J. Fox preached an Ordination sermon: Text, Acts 16 : 17. "These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation."

The President now read the vote of thanks, which was his duty by a resolution of Synod.

The congregation united with the President in supplicating a throne of God's grace.

Synod now adjourned to meet, God willing, in Beck's Church, Davidson county, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D., 1866.

C. MORETZ, SECRETARY.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.		Congregations,	Communicants	Baptisms.			Confirmations.	Burials,
				Infants,	Adults,	Colored,		
Reverend A. J. Fox,		5	700	44	13		9	32
" P. C. Henkel,	2 years,	4	700	50	2	1	90	75
" J. R. Peterson,		5	400	18			4	4
" T. Moser,		2	200	12			1	17
" C. Moretz,		4	140	12	1			5
" J. M. Smith,		3		24	3	1	28	25
" H. Goodman,		1						
" E. E. Smyre,								
" L. A. Fox,		4	150	11	1		24	2
" D. E. Fox,		1	30	2				
" D. S. Henkel,		4	150	9	1			

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TREASURER,.....REV. J. M. SMITH.

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The next Annual Convention will convene at Cedar Grove, Lexington District, South Carolina, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1867.

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MINUTES.

Beck's Church, Davidson Co., N. C.,
Thursday, October 25th, 1866.

According to its last adjournment, the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in Beck's Church, Davidson County, N. C., October 25th, 1866, to constitute the Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of said body. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. T. Moser, from 1 Corinthians iv: 5.

After the close of the public services the Synod was called to order by the President. The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. M. Smith was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The Clerical roll was called, and absentees noted.

CLERICAL ROLL.

1.	Rev. A. Henkel,†	New Market, Virginia.
2.	" H. Goodman,	Statesville, North Carolina.
3.	" C. G. Reitzel,*	Newton, " "
4.	" J. Killian,†	Waynesboro, Virginia.
5.	" J. R. Moser,†	Castor, Missouri.
6.	" J. Stirewalt,*	New Market, Virginia.
7.	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, North Carolina.
8.	" H. Wetzel,*	Woodstock, Virginia.
9.	" P. C. Henkel,*	Newton, North Carolina.
10.	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, " "
11.	" T. Moser,	Concord, " "
12.	" G. Smucker,†	Upper Tract, Virginia.
13.	" Prof. J. M. Wagner,†	College Box, Madisonville, T.
14.	" A. Efird,	Lexington, South Carolina.
15.	" T. Crouse,	Sandy Creek, North Carolina.
16.	" S. Henkel,†	New Market, Virginia.
17.	" D. Efird,*	Frog Level, South Carolina.
18.	" C. Moretz,*	Taylorsville, North Carolina.
19.	" J. E. Seneker,*	Waynesboro, Virginia.
20.	" J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N. C.
21.	" M. J. Stirewalt,*	Augusta Station, Indiana.
22.	" Prof. E. E. Smyre,†	College Box, Madisonville, T.
23.	" I. Conder,	Lexington, North Carolina.
24.	" L. A. Fox,	Lincolnton, " "

* Excused. † No excuse offered.

LICENTIATE.

25. Rev. D. S. Henkel, China Grove, North Carolina.

APPLICANT.

M. L. Fox, M. D., Sandy Creek, North Carolina.

The certificates of election were presented by the lay delegates, and their names enrolled among the members of Synod.

LAY-DELEGATES.

F. K. Beck,	Grace and Salem.
J. Sane,	Trinity and Daniel's.
D. Shell,	Bethphage.
E. Whitener,	Zion.
Dr. W. H. Hoffman,	Luther's Chapel, Christ's, and Philadelphia.
Dr. M. L. Fox,	Melanchthon's.
M. W. Noah,	Mt. Pleasant, Alamance.
A. B. Yount,	Philaddlphia, Caldwell.
J. A. Poovey,	Bold Spring.
A. J. Moretz,	Mt. Pleasant, Watauga.
C. A. Little,	Sharon.
I. L. Wagner,	St. Martin's, Iredell.
A. Seachrist,	Emmanuel.
T. Young,	Beck's.
G. Kepley,	Pilgrim's.
J. Headrie,	New Jerusalem.
E. Aderhold,	St. Mark's and St. Luke's.
J. A. Hess,	Mt. Moriah.
N. P. Efird,	St. Martin's, Stanley,
Philip Fisher,	Morning Star.
E. Beck,	Spanish Grove.

The President read his report, which was received and laid upon the table for the action of the committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—Through the mercy of a kind Father we are permitted to meet again as brethren of the same faith to attend to His business; to spend a few days together in sweet communion; and to interchange thoughts, compare views, and strengthen each other's hands in the great work of saving souls.

During the past year God has been with us and blessed us with innumerable blessings. Thanks be to His Great Name for his forbearance, goodness and mercy. We should contemplate anew, to-day, that ineffable love, and feel constrained to make suitable returns of gratitude to the Giver of all good for all His mercies, and, especially for permitting so many of us to meet under such favorable circumstances.

But, whilst we rejoice at the blessings which have been so profusely poured upon us, our joy is mixed with grief. With tearful eyes we are compelled to record the death of a dear young brother, Rev. D. E. Fox, after a lingering illness, was called to his reward. Ordained at our last session, he was just entering fairly upon, and prepared fully for his Master's work. Death found him with his armor on, ready to obey his Father's bidding. In the spring-time of his life, when earth is sweetest, he was willing to die

As we stand in the dark shadow of death, we are reminded of our own end. As we look at his vacant seat how deeply should we feel the responsibility resting upon us as the servants of the Most High God, who are soon to render a strict account for our stewardship. At the end of the year, how appropriate is the present occasion for a prayerful review of our past ministerial course, and for deep humiliation before God on account of our remissness in duty. In the beginning of a new year, how suitable for the formation of new purposes of obedience and fidelity. May God grant us His Spirit to enlighten us upon our duties, guide us according to His holy will, and aid us this day in consecrating afresh all our energies to His service.

In compliance with your resolution of last session I will proceed to give you an account of my

Official Acts.

I granted permission to Bro. D. S. Henkel to preach at St. Peter's church, Rowan county, N. C., and to visit vacant churches in Cabarrus, Union and Mecklenburg counties of the same State. I gave him permission at a later period to resign his charge to pursue his education.

These are all the official acts I found necessary to perform during the year. And, now, I return to you the chair so kindly given me May the blessings of the Great Head of the Church attend your deliberations.

TIMOTHY MOSER.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being next in order, Synod proceeded to ballot. The following were chosen:

Rev. A. EFIRD, *President*,
" L. A. FOX, *Recording Secretary*.
" J. M. SMITH, *Treasurer*.

The papers addressed to Synod were presented and placed in the hands of a committee to arrange, class and number them. The committee was constituted of Rev. J. M. Smith, Rev. T. Crouse and Mr. F. K. Beck.

The President announced the following committees:

I. *On Unfinished Business:* Revs. T. Moser, I. Conder and Mr. J. A. Hess.

II. *On Letters and Petitions:* Revs. J. R. Peterson, H. Goodman and Mr. I. L. Wagner.

III. *Minutes of Sister Synods:* Revs. A. J. Fox, D. S. Henkel, and Dr. M. L. Fox.

IV. *On State of the Church:* Revs. J. R. Peterson, T. Crouse, D. S. Henkel.

V. *On President's Report:* Revs. A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith, and Mr. E. Aderhold.

VI. *On Examination:* Revs. T. Moser, A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith.

VII. *On Treasurer's Report:* Revs. I. Conder, T. Crouse and Dr. W. H. Hoffman.

The following was read and anopted:

Catechization.

Whereas the ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion previous to their confirmation, is in some places falling into disuse, and a rather loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualification for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed by catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our church previous to their confirmation. But in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or when such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunity to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case until such persons have been examined by the pastor before the council and approved by them.

Bro. A. J. Fox introduced to the notice of Synod the subject of the division of its territory into Conferences.

On motion, it was made the special order of to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M.

A paper was read concerning the "Evangelical Lutheran."

On motion, it was made the subject of special consideration on Saturday morning.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.

FRIDAY, October 25th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Spanish Grove church, Forsythe county, N. C., on application, was received into connection with Synod and its delegate enrolled among the members of this session.

The committee on the Unfinished Business of last session offered their report.

Report on Unfinished Business.

We, your committee on the Unfinished Business of the last session of Synod, beg leave to refer Synod

1. To item second, 12th page of the Minutes. We recommend that inquiry be made whether the delinquent brethren have taken the vote on the Revised Constitution.

2. To item third of the same page. We recommend that the committee appointed to prepare a code of By-Laws and Rules of Order be called upon to report.

3. To the 15th page. We call the attention of Synod to the *subject* there referred to.

T. MOSER,
I. CONDER.
J. A. HESS.

Accepted and adopted.

Item 1st. Brethren answered verbally.

The following was then adopted:

Inasmuch as the Revised Constitution, prepared by the Extra Session of this Synod convened in Zion church, Catawba county, N. C., on the 26th day of March, 1864, upon which final action was postponed by the regular session in 1864, and again in 1865 to the present session, has been approved by a large majority of the congregations of our Synod; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That it is and shall be, until altered, amended or disapproved by this Synod in the manner provided for in its last article, the organic law of this Synod. (For Constitution see Appendix A.)

Item 2d. The committee had discharged their duty, and offered their report. It was accepted, considered and approved by rules and sections.

On motion, Rev. J. R. Peterson was excused from voting on section 2d, of Article V.

Resolved, That the Rules of Order and By-Laws, which have been read and approved, rule by rule, and section by section, be now adopted as a whole, and, henceforth, until altered or amended as provided for in the last Article, be in full force and effect in the Synod.

Rev. H. Goodman records his vote against the resolution.

Resolved, That, if a sufficiency of funds can be procured, the Constitution and Rules of Order and By-Laws be printed; and that the Secretary be requested to transcribe them into our Synodical Book.

A new officer being provided for by the By-Laws, an election was held for Corresponding Secretary. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was duly elected.

Synod adjourned until after public worship.

A sermon was preached by Rev. H. Goodman. Text: Isaiah xxxv: 8.

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FRIDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. The order for the hour being the subject of Conferences, the consideration of Rev. Dr. Fox's resolution was resumed.

With only two dissenting voices it was adopted.

CONFERENCES.

WHEREAS there are many things relating to the interest of the Church that may be discussed by the ministers and intelligent laymen of the Church, that are not suitable for the consideration of the whole Synod, for several reasons, but, especially, because their discussion would protract too much the Synodical sessions; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that meetings where several ministers preach for several days in succession, would be productive of much good, as it would bring more people under the influence of the pure doctrine of our Church, and, in a measure remove that monotony occasioned by the continued labors of the same minister for a long series of years; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod authorizes the organization of three Conferences in North Carolina, and one in South Carolina, to meet as often as the Conferences themselves may deem it necessary to deliberate upon such matters, and discuss such subjects as their members may think most conducive to the interest of our beloved Lutheran Church within the territorial limits of each Conference,—provided, however, that no business shall be transacted which properly belongs to Synod, though each Conference may make suggestions to Synod.

The Eastern District shall embrace Mt. Pleasant, (Alamance), Coble's, Melanchthon's, Emmanuel's (Davidson), Pilgrim's, Beck's, New Jerusalem, Spanish Grove, Mt. Moriah, Phanuel's, Lutheran Union, St. Martin's (Stanly), Flat Rock, and such other congregations as may at any time be organized in this boundary.

The Middle District shall embrace St. Martin's (Iredell), Sharon, Salem (Alexander), Friendship, Pisgah, Bold Spring, Mt. Pleasant (Watauga) St. Peter's, St. John's, Hasses, St. Paul's, Miller's, Zion, Philadelphia (Caldwell), and all other churches as shall in the future be organized within this boundary.

The Southern District shall embrace Grace, Trinity, Daniel'e, Salem (Lincoln), Bethphage, St. Mark's, St. Luke's, Philadelphia (Gaston), Luther's Chapel, Christ's, Morning Star, St. Martin's, Emmanuel's (Union), Bethlehem, and others that may be organized in this District.

The one in South Carolina shall embrace Zion's, Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, St. John's, St. Peter's, Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, Meetze's, Emmanuel's, and others that may be organized in this District.

Any minister without a charge, a member of our Synod, may join any one of these Conferences he may choose.

The Conferences may adopt such constitutions and other regulations as their members may deem best suited to their wants, but such regulations must not be inconsistent with the Constitution of this Synod.

The consideration of item 3rd in report on Unfinished Business, was deferred until the committee on Letters and Petitions should report.

The attention of Synod was called to the subject of the spiritual wants of the Freedmen among us. On motion, a committee was appointed to devise a plan to meet those wants. Committee: Revs. T. Moser, J. M. Smith, T. Crouse, and Drs. W. H. Hoffman, M. L. Fox. The President was added to that committee by the action of Synod.

Committee No. IV submitted their report.

Report on President's Report.

We, your committee, have examined the President's report, but find nothing requiring the action of Synod except the notice of the death of our dear brother, D. E. Fox. We recommend that a committee of two be appointed to prepare a memorial of his death to appear upon the face of our Minutes.

We recommend, further, that the President's report be published in our Minutes. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. FOX,
J. M. SMITH,
E. ADERHOLD.

Accepted and adopted.

The committee on the death of Rev. D. E. Fox was constituted of Rev. I. Conder and Rev. J. M. Smith.

Rev. A. J. Fox offered the following, which was adopted.

Commission to General Synod of N. A.

WHEREAS the Evangelical Lutheran Church in these Southern States of the U. S. A., is, when compared with other branches of the great Christian family, but a very feeble body, and feeble as it is, is divided into nine or ten small synods, embracing in the aggregate not more than 200 ministers and 350 churches with about 35,000 communing members; and,

Whereas, We firmly believe in union there is strength, but in division there is weakness; and,

Whereas, The central point in the Lutheran Church is her doctrinal standards, to which she must firmly cling or cease to exist, and five of these Southern Synods having united themselves in a body known as the General Synod of the E. L. Church in N. A. and adopted as her doctrinal basis the Augsburg Confession of Faith; and,

Whereas, We, as a Synod, are anxious to do all we can to promote the interests of true Evangelical Lutheranism, and we think this can be done best by uniting the energies and resources of the Symbolical Lutheran Church in these States; therefore,

Resolved, That one of our most experienced and influential ministers be appointed a *commissioner* to meet the next regular meeting of the "General Synod, &c.", to convene in Staunton, Va., in May, 1867, and to confer with that body upon the practicability and possibility of uniting our Synod with said General Synod, and to report to the next session of this Synod the result of any conferences he may have with the General Synod or any of her authorized committees. Afterward this Synod shall take such steps as she shall determine best. This commissioner shall observe the following instructions in all his intercourse with the General Synod: this Synod proposes a union with the General Synod upon these conditions, viz: That the General Synod pledge herself that no Church journal, or book shall be published, or other publication shall ever be made by her order or under her sanction that contains anything contrary to any article of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith, and that no professor shall be appointed in any Theological Seminary who will not solemnly promise to teach correctly all the doctrines of said Confession, and that no Synod shall ever be received into her connection who does not without any reservation subscribe the said Confession; and further, with this distinct understanding upon her part, that, if at any time in the judgment of the delegates who represent this Synod, the General Synod shall violate the above principles, our delegates may withdraw from that session to report to the next session of this Synod whose action alone shall determine the future course of this Synod in relation to the General Synod.

The Synod proceeded to ballot for the commissioner. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was chosen principal and Rev. J. R. Peterson, alternate.

On motion, it was,

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod be requested to take collections to defray the expenses of this commissioner.

Resolved, That Rev. J. R. Peterson be appointed to transcribe the Form of Licensure, adopted at our last session, into our Synodical Book.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

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SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., October 28th.

Synod re-assembled. Rev. J. M. Smith led in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The special order of the hour being called for, the consideration of the subject of a Church paper was resumed. The following was adopted:

Evangelical Lutheran.

Inasmuch as we feel the great necessity of a good Lutheran Church journal circulating among our people, but not feeling ourselves able in the present crippled condition of pecuniary affairs to commence the publication of such a paper now, and as there is a weekly paper purporting to be strictly and symbolically Lutheran (at least in doctrinal features) published in Charlotte, N. C., in which we find some things, it is true, of a practical character which we cannot endorse, yet in view of the above stated facts and some other things we, for the present,

Resolve, To approve the circulation of the Evangelical Lutheran among our people.

Committee No. II presented their report which was accepted and considered *seriatim*.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to submit the following:

CLASS I. No. 1 is a letter from Rev. P. C. Henkel, in which he assigns family affliction as the reason for his absence from this meeting of Synod. He also gives his views in regard to the proposed alteration in our formula for the administration of the Lord's Supper. He is of the opinion that we can obtain no form which would harmonize better with the word of God and the Symbolical Books of the Church than that now in use by us, and appears to be opposed to any change.

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, are letters from Daniel's, Salem, Grace, Trinity, and Bethphage churches, in favor of an alteration of the formula used by us in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

No. 7 is a letter from St. Paul's, indorsed by Cedar Grove, St. Peter's, Zion and Emmanuel's churches, S. C., in favor of the proposed Revised Constitution, and, also, of the adoption of the Rules of Order and By-Laws.

Class II. No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. Stirewalt in which he gives the want of pecuniary means as the reason for his absence from the present meeting of Synod. He encloses a copy of resolutions passed by the Virginia Special Conference, praying for the advice of this Synod in regard to the formation of a new Synod in Virginia, based upon the "time-honored and established doctrines and usages of the Lutheran Church."

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. E. Seneker, in which he says, "from circumstances over which I have no control I cannot be present at Synod." He encloses, also, a copy of the same resolutions.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz, stating the reason of his absence from this meeting. He is favorable to a union with the Southern General Synod. He requests his letter to be read in open Synod.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. H. Wetzel, in which he asks an honorable dismission from this Synod with a view to connect himself with the Synod soon to be formed in Virginia.

Class III. No 1 is a petition from Cedar Grove congregation, asking the next annual session of Synod to be held in that church.

Nos. 2 and 3 are petitions from St. Peter's church, S. C., and Trinity church, N. C., of the same import.

Nos. 4 and 5 are petitions from St. Martin's (Cabarrus,) and Morning Star, praying for the pastoral services of either Rev. L A. Fox or Rev. T. Moser. The latter congregation prays for the next session of Synod.

No. 6 is a petition from St. Martin's (Stanly,) asking the aid of Synod in procuring a pastor.

We, your committee, recommend that the resolutions of the Va. S. Conference, the letter from Rev. C. Moretz, and the letter from Rev. P. C. Henkel be read before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
HENRY GOODMAN,
I. L. WAGNER.

Item 1st. (Embracing Nos. 1—6 of Class I.) *Resolved*, That the subject of the change of the formula in the administration of the Lord's Supper be indefinitely postponed.

Item 2nd. Subject already disposed of.

Item 3rd. The resolution of the Virginia S. Conference were read. The following was adopted:

The New Synod in Virginia.

Whereas, The ministers and congregations in connection with this Synod who are located in the great valley of Virginia, have expressed a desire to organize themselves into a separate Synod, although we regret to separate from those with whom we have been for so many years associated, yet in view of the reasons presented by them, and the great distance that separates us from them and, consequently, the difficulty of meeting as often as the interest of the Church requires; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve, unanimously, the measure proposed by these brethren, and advise them to organize as soon as possible with such constitution and other regulations as may not be inconsistent with the Word of God and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, and promise them that as soon as the President shall be officially informed that this has been done, he will give them an honorable dismission from this Synod, with a distinct understanding, however, that a regular correspondence be maintained by the interchange of delegates or by the formation of some central organization.

Item 4. Brother Moretz's letter was read.

Item 5. Brother Wetzel is referred to the action of Synod above given.

Item 6. (Embracing Nos. 1—3 of Class III.) Subject deferred until the proper time for action.

Item 7. (Embracing Nos. 4—6 of Class III.) *Resolved*, That as brother L. A. Fox is otherwise employed and cannot serve them, the petitioners be advised to extend a call to Rev. T. Moser or Rev. H. Goodman; and we promise them that if the services of neither of them *can* be secured the ministers residing in this State will visit them as often as possible.

Committee No. III presented their report.

Report on Minutes of Sister Synods.

We, your committee, have examined the Minutes of Sister Synods placed in our hands and notice

1. The Minutes of the E. L. Holston Synod in its sessions of 1863 and 1865.

These Minutes contain no parochial reports, and we are, therefore, unable to notice any statistical items except that the Clerical catalogue contains the names of nine ordained ministers.

These brethren, notwithstanding the fiery ordeal through which they have lately passed, are still alive to the great interests of our beloved Church. They remain the unwavering friends of her doctrines and customs. They are making as much progress as we could expect under the circumstances.

As they were once connected with this Synod we recommend that a delegate be appointed to their next session.

2. We find the Minutes of the third convention of the General Synod of the Evan. Luth. Church in the Confederate States of America, convened in St. John's church, Cabarrus county, N. C., June 14th, 1866.

We see that this newly organized Synod has a "mind to work," and has already done much to re-establish the doctrines and usages of our Church in the synods and congregations in her connection. Among other things that they have done to revive true Lutheranism, they have adopted the Augsburg Confession of Faith as their standard of doctrine. We hail with pleasure the advances these brethren have made; and we trust that ere long the entire Lutheran Church in this country can "see eye to eye" and stand firmly upon the acknowledged symbols of our Church.

3. We find the Minutes of the twenty-second convention of the General Synod of the Evan. Luth. Church in the U. S. A., which met in Ft. Wayne, Ia., on the 17th of May, 1866.

This Synod embraces 21 district synods, with 674 ministers, 1085 congregations, and 101,439 communicants.

We learn from these Minutes that a schism has taken place in this General Synod. The "mother Synod," the Pa. Synod, has withdrawn from its connection. The Pennsylvania Synod has some of the ablest men of the Church in this country in her connection and a larger number of communicants than any other synod in America. The real ground of separation is the doctrinal unsoundness of the General Synod. Other large and powerful synods, embracing it is supposed the greater part of the Lutheran Church in this country, seem to sympathize with the Pennsylvania Synod. From all that we can learn, we believe a great revolution has begun in the Lutheran Church in the Northern and Northwestern States, which we trust will entirely uproot that un-Lutheran, fanatical element which has for so many years retarded the progress of our Church in America. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.
D. S. HENKEL,
M. L. FOX.

Accepted and adopted.

Committee No. VII submitted their report.

Report on Treasurer's Report.

We, your committee, have examined the report of our Treasurer and find it correct. Balance in hand of the Treasurer, $23 55.

I. CONDER,
T. CROUSE,
W. H. HOFFMAN.

Treasurer's Report.

J. M. Smith in account with the Tennessee Synod.

1865. October 24th. From Synod,.....	Dr.	$65 40	$65 40
1866.	Cr.		
May. Cash paid E. B. Drake & Son for printing Minutes,.....		$40 00	
Postage, freight, &c.,.....		1 85	41 85
Balance in hand,			$23 55

Rev. I. Conder in behalf of the committee read the following

Memorial of Rev. D. E. Fox.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church, since our last session of Synod, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Rev. D. E. Fox; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That by this afflicting dispensation we have lost a worthy young brother, who had labored but a short time in his Master's vineyard.

2. *Resolved*, That, notwithstanding our deep regret for his removal and the loss to our church, since it has resulted in his everlasting gain, we bow in humble resignation to the will of God.

3. *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with his afflicted wife in her bereavement, and commend her to Him, who is the Husband of the widow, and makes all things work together for good to them that love God.

4. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be incorporated with the minutes of this Synod, that a copy be sent to the Evangelical Lutheran for publication, and a copy, also, to the bereaved wife of the deceased.

I. CONDER.
J. M. SMITH.

It was adopted by rising and standing in silence.

Resolved, That Rev. J. M. Smith be requested to prepare a suitable obituary to accompany these resolutions for publication in the Evangelical Lutheran.

Synod adjourned until after public worship.

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SATURDAY SERVICES.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. A. J. Fox preached. Text, Hebrews xii : 1.

Immediately after the sermon, thirteen were added to the church by confirmation.

At 2 o'clock, Rev. J. M. Smith preached. Text, 1 John i : 9.

SATURDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order. Committee No. VI offered their report.

Report of Examination.

We, the committee of Examination, beg leave to submit the following:

We had a colloquium with our licentiate, brother D. S. Henkel, and are happy to inform you that, notwithstanding the many duties devolving upon him in cultivating an extensive pastoral field, he has not been negligent in prosecuting his studies, literary and theological, since the last session of Synod.

We have, also, examined the written sermon submitted to our inspection, and found a considerable knowledge of Homiletics manifested. The style is respectable, the matter good, and, upon the whole, it is a respectable sermon.

We recommend that he be continued as a licentiate until our next annual convention. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
A. J. FOX,
J. M. SMITH.

The report was received and adopted.

Dr. M. L. Fox made application to be taken under the care of Synod as a student of theology. A committee of colloquium was appointed to confer with him upon his motives, &c. Committee: Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. J. M. Smith, and Mr. E. Aderhold.

The committee made a verbal report, recommending him. He was received as an applicant.

Rev. P. A. Long, German Reformed, was introduced as an advisory member and invited to a seat among us.

Resolved, That the vacant congregations be visited as often as possible by each minister, until they can be regularly supplied by pastors.

The committee appointed to devise a plan to meet the wants of the freedmen, made a report.

FREEDMEN.

WHEREAS, The colored people among us no longer sustain the same relation to the white man they did formerly, and that change has transferred the individual obligations and responsibility of owners to the whole Church; and,

Whereas, Some of them were formerly members of our congregations and still claim membership in them, but owing to the plainly marked distinctions which God has made between us and them, giving different colors, &c., it is felt by us, and them also, that there ought to be separate places of worship, and, also, separate ecclesiastical organizations, so that every one could worship God with the least possible embarrassment; and

Whereas, These colored people are considered firm adherents to our Church, and we feel it our imperative duty to assist them in adopting such measures as will meet best the necessities of their present condition; be it, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That whenever any of our colored brethren desire to preach, they may make application to some one of the ministers of our Synod, who shall inform the President, when it shall be the President's duty to appoint two ordained ministers who, in connection with two laymen whom they may choose, shall constitute a committee to examine the candidate upon his motives and mental and moral qualification, and, if they are satisfied, to license him to preach to, catechise, baptize, and celebrate the rites of mrtrimony among those of his own race, according to the usages of our Church, until the next regular session of Synod thereafter, when

said committee shall report. This license, however, does not authorize them to preach in our churches, or take part in our ecclesiastical meetings: nevertheless they are permitted to worship with us as heretofore, yet we advise them to erect houses for themselves in which they may worship.

2. *Resolved*, That we will use every reasonable means to aid them in organizing and building up congregations.

Respectfully submittted,

T. MOSER,
J. M. SMITH,
T. CROUSE,
M. L. FOX,
W. H. HOFFMAN,
A. EFIRD.

Thomas Fry, a freedman, having frequently expressed a desire to preach, the President, in compliance with the resolution given above, appointed Rev. P. C. Henkel and Rev. J. M. Smith as the clerical half of a committee to examine and, if found qualified, to license him.

An election was held for the place of our next meeting. Cedar Grove, Lexington District, S. C., was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September was the time designated.

Rev. L. A. Fox was appointed delegate to the Holston Synod, and Rev. C. Moretz, the alternate.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox be requested to furnish a copy of his sermon preached to-day to the Evangelical Lutheran for publication.

Resolved, That our Minutes be printed, and that one copy be sent each minister of our Synod and each Lutheran Synod in the Southern States.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the people of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay among them, and that this be read by the President from the pulpit with such remarks as he may deem appropriate, on tomorrow at the opening of the second service.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by the President, to meet in session at the time and place appointed.

SABBATH SERVICES.

On Sunday morning at 10½ o'clock, a large audience having assembled in the beautiful grove adjoining the church, Rev. A. Efird preached from Ps. 126: 3. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Sunday afternoon Rev. J. R. Peterson preached. Text, Mat. 7: 13–14. After the sermon the members of Synod and many other followers of Christ participated in the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Thus closed the day and ended the meeting of one of the most important, pleasant and interesting sessions in the history of this Synod. May the Great Head of the Church own and bless it, and may streams issue from it to make glad the city of our God.

L. A. FOX,
Secretary of Tennessee Synod.

APPENDIX A.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

(AS REVISED IN 1866.)

Article I.

The name of this Synod shall be THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Article II.

SEC. 1. The Holy Scriptures, the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments, shall be the only rule and standard of doctrine and church discipline.

SEC. 2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, in regard to matters of faith and practice, this Synod receives the three Ancient Symbols: the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian creeds; and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith. It receives also the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord—as true Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession.

Article III.

SEC. 1. This Synod shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod to represent them in the Synodical Meetings.

SEC. 2. Each one of these congregations shall have the right to appoint one such delegate who shall have equal rights and privileges with the ministers transacting the business of Synod.

SEC. 3. Every minister desiring to be received into connection with this Synod, shall on his reception, be required to subscribe this Constitution.

SEC. 4. No minister in connection with this Synod, shall be allowed to teach any thing, nor shall Synod transact any business contrary to the confessional basis as set forth in Article II.

SEC. 5. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office.—Cases of this kind if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

Article IV.

Sec. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practice, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to expel and depose from the Synod and holy office of the ministry, such as refuse after due admonition to repent of their wrong.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of Synod as soon as the wants of the church shall demand, and its resources will justify to engage in the work of Missions both domestic and foreign: and also in the work of beneficiary Education for the purpose of preparing indigent young men of talents and piety for the work of the ministry in connection with the Lutheran Church according to such regulations as it may adopt, and consider best calculated to promote these great objects.

Sec. 3. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting, appointing one or more Pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry at some suitable time and place by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Sec. 4. Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year, during which time all candidates for the ministerial office shall be taken on trial.

Sec. 5. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations who may desire to be connected with it, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

Article V.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. A majority of all votes cast will be required to constitute an election to any office. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolves upon the same in other public bodies, or as may be made obligatory upon them from time lo time, by Synod. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session, annually, and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Article VI.

Synod shall meet from time to time upon its own adjournments. Extra sessions may be called by the President, when requested for good and sufficient reasons, to do so, by two ministers and two lay-men in its connection.

Article VII.

Synod may at any regular meeting, by a concurrence of two-thirds of all the members present, make such regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Article VIII.

If any thing contained in these articles should hereafter be deemed contrary to the Confessional Basis of this Synod, oppressive, or inexpedient, it may be altered or amended. But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless a proposition for alteration or amendment shall have been laid before one of the sessions of Synod, in writing, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members voting. The proposition thus agreed to, shall then be laid, in due form, by the Synod in its Minutes before the congregations in its connection, for ratification or rejection by them; and the ministers or vestries of these congregations shall, at some suitable time, before the next succeeding sessions of Synod, take the vote of these congregations, on the Constitution as amended, allowing the members to vote for its ratification or rejection and send a statement of the vote to that session of Synod. If, then, it shall be ascertained by Synod that a majority of these congregations have voted in favor of ratification, the amendment shall become and be declared by Synod on the face of its Minutes a valid part of said Constitution, and the parts thereof repugnant to such alteration, void.

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APPENDIX B.

RULES OF ORDER AND BY-LAWS.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1.—At the time and place appointed for meeting, if three ordained ministers and three lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 2.—The first session shall be opened by the President with suitable religious exercises; and in the absence of the President, by the Secretary; and in the absence of both, by one of the older ministers present.—And every succeeding session shall be opened and closed with prayer, after which, in opening, the roll shall be called and, if the first session of the day, the minutes of the preceding day read, amended, if necessary, and approved.

Rule 3.—The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

Rule 4.—The President shall read his Annual Report as the last official act of his term, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election shall then be held.

Rule 5.—Delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies may be admitted, and advisory members may be received.

Rule 6.—The minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; all papers intended for Synod shall be handed in; and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before Synod.

Rule 7.—If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, the President may appoint a committee to class and number them according to their contents; if, however, the number be small, the President shall arrange them and place them in the hands of the committees to which they appropriately belong. The President shall appoint the following

COMMITTEES:

1. On President's Report.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. Of Examination of candidates for the Ministry.
4. On the State of the Church.
5. On Letters and Petitions.
6. On Treasurer's Report.
7. On Minutes of Sister Synods.

The President may appoint as many special committees as may be necessary.

Rule 8.—The vacant congregations shall be inquired after, and provisions shall be made for them.

Rule 9.—The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals be occupied by the items of promiscuous business.

Rule 10.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Rule 11.—Whenever any member shall be called to order by the President he shall sit down, and, also, when called to order by any member, unless the President decide in his favor.

By leave of Synod a member called to order may clear a matter of fact or explain, but shall not proceed in debate so long as the decision is against him but by permission of the House. Any member may appeal from the decision of the President, and, if, upon the appeal the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed; if otherwise, he shall not, except by leave of the House; and if, in the judgment of the House, the case requires, he shall be liable to censure.

Rule 12.—When two or more members rise at the same time the President shall name the member to speak.

Rule 13.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, and the first shall not be longer than fifteen minutes and the second not more than five minutes, without leave of the House.

Rule 14.—Whilst the President is putting a question to or addressing the House no member shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when any member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand or pass between him and the Chair.

Rule 15.—Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House shall for special reasons excuse him.

Rule 16.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, if it be written, it shall be handed to the President and it shall be read aloud either by himself or some one whom he may designate.

Rule 17.—Every motion shall be written if the President or any two members desire it.

Rule 18.—After a motion is stated or read by the President it shall be deemed in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn or amended before a decision, except in case of a motion to reconsider, which motion shall be deemed and taken to be in possession of the House and shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the House.

Rule 19.—When a question is under discussion, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to amend.

Rule 20.—When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted upon again during the session.

Rule 21.—Any member may call for a division of the question when it shall admit of it, which shall be determined by the President.

Rule 22.—When a motion has once been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof, and no motion to reconsider shall be taken from the table except by a two-thirds vote.

Rule 23.—When the yeas and nays are called for on any question, it shall be on motion, and if seconded by one-fifth of the members present, the question shall be decided by yeas and nays.

Rule 24.—Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections carefully avoided.

Rule 25.—No member or officer shall absent himself from the house without leave, unless from sickness or inability.

Rule 26.—Any member may excuse himself at the time of his appointment, if he is a member of two standing committees.

Rule 27.—If any member shall necessarily be absent on any business of the House when the vote is taken, he shall, on motion, upon entering the house be permitted to cast his vote.

Rule 28.—Each minister in connection with this Synod shall hand in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any other the Synod may at any time require.

Rule 29.—Election of delegates to ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod, shall be held.

Rule 30.—The time and place of holding the next session of Synod, shall be determined.

Rule 31.—Should any of the officers of Synod be absent, they shall send their reports with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. In case of the necessary absence of an officer during the sessions of Synod, he shall nominate a substitute *pro tempore*.

Rule 32.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the House is voting or some member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

RULE 33.—The Synod shall be dismissed by the President with appropriate religious service.

RULE 34.—Any of the foregoing rules may be altered or amended, at any regular session of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice at the previous session of Synod.

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BY-LAWS.

Article I.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD.

Sec. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained ministers of this body; and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon; and in connection with the pastor *loci* and elders of the congregation in which the Synod convenes, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each the liberty to speak without interruption from others; and prevent the speaker from deviating from the subject before the House.

Sec. 3. The President at the commencement of every Synod shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, of the letters received by him, since the last regular meeting, and of all the important events that have occurred relating to Synod which may have come to his knowledge; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the interest of the Church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

Sec. 4. If any minister of this Synod removes into the bounds of any other Evan. Lutheran Synod, the President, upon his request, may grant him an honorable dismission to that Synod.

Sec. 5. The President, by substituting a chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject. When on any question the vote should be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote except when voting by ballot.

Sec. 6. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod, the senior minister shall himself succeed him or shall appoint some one to fill the chair.

Article II.

OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of the duties of this office.

Sec. 2. He shall make a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers and documents unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of Synod. The Secretary shall attest with his official signature all certificates, all resolutions respecting ministers, delegates or churches, and the Minutes of Synod.

Sec. 3. If during the interval of the sessions of Synod the Secretary should become disqualified for his office or cease to be a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers of Synod which were in his hands and retain them, or shall appoint some one to discharge the duties of the office until the next meeting of Synod.

Article III.

OF THE TREASURER.

Sec. 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the monies belonging to Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay money out of the Treasury.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer is to see to the printing of the Minutes, if the Synod orders their publication, and to distribute them to each of the minister's charges in proportion to the amount of money received by Synod from them for that purpose.

Sec. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life or become in any way disqualified for his office, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

Article IV.

PROCESS OF SYNOD AGAINST AN ACCUSED MINISTER.

Sec. 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the characters of its members. No Minister on account of his office should be screened from the hands of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandalous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

Sec. 2. Should any member of the Church know a Minister to be guilty of a private fault, he should reprove him, in private, in a brotherly manner. [See Matt. xviii: 15.] If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the church council, who shall admonish the accused according to the above named text, or if the minister has no pastoral charge he shall report him to the President of Synod who shall admonish him. If he still will not hear, he must be reported to the Synod to whose decisions he must yield.

Sec. 3. Should a Minister be guilty of a gross violation of the principles of piety, rules of morality or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our Church, the member or members acquainted with the facts, shall immediately inform the President of Synod, who shall call without delay a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused if he has a charge, if he has not, in a congregation most convenient to the place where the alleged offense or offenses were committed. But if such a charge be brought within three months of the regular session, action in the case shall be deferred until the regular meeting, and the President shall suspend immediately the accused from the exercise of all ministerial functions until his case is decided.

Sec. 4. The President shall notify specially the parties of the *call session* and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid and impartial investigation. The accused shall be suspended, deposed, acquitted, or dealt with in whatever manner the evidences of the case may require.

Sec. 5. The President shall notify his charge of the decision in his case.

Sec. 6. Should any congregation in our connection continue or procure the services of a minister who has been suspended or deposed, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 7. If a Minister, against whom serious charges are preferred, be duly notified and refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, he shall be immediately suspended from the exercise of all the ministerial functions.

Article V.

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS.

Sec. 1. Any person desiring to become a Minister in this body, shall make application to the Synod, when a committee of three shall be appointed to confer with him upon his motives in becoming a Minister, and ascertain as far as possible his character as regards morality and piety, and report the result to Synod; if it be favorable, he shall then be directed to place himself under the care of some member of this Synod (who may grant him when qualified license to preach and catechise *until the next annual session*); or to put himself under the tuition of some approved Theological Seminary.

In the interim of annual sessions, this application must be made to the President, who with another Minister shall examine him, and, if satisfied, direct him to the care of some Minister or approved Seminary.

Sec. 2. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the licensure of a candidate for the ministry he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be publicly licensed to the next annual session of Synod. The vote shall be taken by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to secure license.

Sec. 3. When one or more congregations shall ask for the services and pray for the ordination of any candidate for the ministry, he shall be examined as to his qualifications, and shall, also, submit to Synod for consideration a written *essay* upon some theological subject and a *sermon.* If he sustains a satisfactory examination, he shall be ordained to the office of Pastor. The vote of two-thirds of all the members present shall be necessary to secure his ordination. The ordination must be conducted according to our Liturgy.

Sec. 4. Should an ordained minister of any other religious denomination make application to be received into connection with this Synod, he shall be examined as to his motives, his knowledge of the Theology of the Church and his willingness to maintain all the doctrines of the confessions of our church. The concurrence of two-thirds of the members of any regular meeting of Synod shall be necessary to his reception.

Article VI.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

When any particular duty is assigned to any minister or ministers by resolution of Synod or otherwise, it shall be their duty faithfully to comply with such requirements; but should they fail to do so, they must render their excuse; if satisfactory, they shall be excused; if not, they shall be censured or otherwise dealt with as the nature of the case requires.

RATIFYING CLAUSE.

Any of the above By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of Synod by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice having been given for such amendment at the previous annual session of Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations...	Communicants..	Baptisms. Infants.....	Baptisms. Adults.....	Confirmations...	Burials.....
Rev. A. J. Fox,	5	750	42	2	51	35
" J. R. Peterson,	3	200	24	...	4	3
" P. C. Henkel,	5	750	35	1	1	11
" A. Efird,	5	475	31	2	15	18
" D. Efird,	4	450	34	...	34	27
" T. Crouse,	3	140	6	3	1	6
" C. Moretz,	4	175	28	...	59	...
" I. Conder,	5	300	26	5	22	5
" J. M. Smith,	3	400	38	1	4	5
" L. A. Fox,	2	170	23	4	17	1
" D. S. Henkel,	3	150	35	2	10	9

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RECORDING SECRETARY,.....REV. L. A. FOX.
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TREASURER,.....REV. J. M. SMITH.

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The next Annual Convention will convene at Cedar Grove, Lexington District, South Carolina, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1867.

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Beck's Church, Davidson Co., N. C.,
Thursday, October 25th, 1866.

According to its last adjournment, the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in Beck's Church, Davidson County, N. C., October 25th, 1866, to constitute the Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of said body. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. T. Moser, from 1 Corinthians iv: 5.

After the close of the public services the Synod was called to order by the President. The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. M. Smith was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The Clerical roll was called, and absentees noted.

CLERICAL ROLL.

1.	Rev. A. Henkel,†	New Market, Virginia.
2.	" H. Goodman,	Statesville, North Carolina.
3.	" C. G. Reitzel,*	Newton, " "
4.	" J. Killian,†	Waynesboro, Virginia.
5.	" J. R. Moser,†	Castor, Missouri.
6.	" J. Stirewalt,*	New Market, Virginia.
7.	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, North Carolina.
8.	" H. Wetzel,*	Woodstock, Virginia.
9.	" P. C. Henkel,*	Newton, North Carolina.
10.	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, " "
11.	" T. Moser,	Concord, " "
12.	" G. Smucker,†	Upper Tract, Virginia.
13.	" Prof. J. M. Wagner,†	College Box, Madisonville, T.
14.	" A. Efird,	Lexington, South Carolina.
15.	" T. Crouse,	Sandy Creek, North Carolina.
16.	" S. Henkel,†	New Market, Virginia.
17.	" D. Efird,*	Frog Level, South Carolina.
18.	" C. Moretz,*	Taylorsville, North Carolina.
19.	" J. E. Seneker,*	Waynesboro, Virginia.
20.	" J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N. C.
21.	" M. J. Stirewalt,*	Augusta Station, Indiana.
22.	" Prof. E. E. Smyre,†	College Box, Madisonville, T.
23.	" I. Conder,	Lexington, North Carolina.
24.	" L. A. Fox,	Lincolnton, " "

* Excused. † No excuse offered.

LICENTIATE.

25. Rev. D. S. Henkel, China Grove, North Carolina.

APPLICANT.

M. L. Fox, M. D., Sandy Creek, North Carolina.

The certificates of election were presented by the lay delegates, and their names enrolled among the members of Synod.

LAY-DELEGATES.

F. K. Beck,	Grace and Salem.
J. Sane,	Trinity and Daniel's.
D. Shell,	Bethphage.
E. Whitener,	Zion.
Dr. W. H. Hoffman,	Luther's Chapel, Christ's, and Philadelphia.
Dr. M. L. Fox,	Melanchthon's.
M. W. Noah,	Mt. Pleasant, Alamance.
A. B. Yount,	Philadelphia, Caldwell.
J. A. Poovey,	Bold Spring.
A. J. Moretz,	Mt. Pleasant, Watauga.
C. A. Little,	Sharon.
I. L. Wagner,	St. Martin's, Iredell.
A. Seachrist,	Emmanuel.
T. Young,	Beck's.
G. Kepley,	Pilgrim's.
J. Headrie,	New Jerusalem.
E. Aderhold,	St. Mark's and St. Luke's.
J. A. Hess,	Mt. Moriah.
N. P. Efird,	St. Martin's, Stanley,
Philip Fisher,	Morning Star.
E. Beck,	Spanish Grove.

The President read his report, which was received and laid upon the table for the action of the committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—Through the mercy of a kind Father we are permitted to meet again as brethren of the same faith to attend to His business; to spend a few days together in sweet communion; and to interchange thoughts, compare views, and strengthen each other's hands in the great work of saving souls.

During the past year God has been with us and blessed us with innumerable blessings. Thanks be to His Great Name for his forbearance, goodness and mercy. We should contemplate anew, to-day, that ineffable love, and feel constrained to make suitable returns of gratitude to the Giver of all good for all His mercies, and, especially for permitting so many of us to meet under such favorable circumstances.

But, whilst we rejoice at the blessings which have been so profusely poured upon us, our joy is mixed with grief. With tearful eyes we are compelled to record the death of a dear young brother, Rev. D. E. Fox, after a lingering illness, was called to his reward. Ordained at our last session, he was just entering fairly upon, and prepared fully for his Master's work. Death found him with his armor on, ready to obey his Father's bidding. In the spring-time of his life, when earth is sweetest, he was willing to die

As we stand in the dark shadow of death, we are reminded of our own end. As we look at his vacant seat how deeply should we feel the responsibility resting upon us as the servants of the Most High God, who are soon to render a strict account for our stewardship. At the end of the year, how appropriate is the present occasion for a prayerful review of our past ministerial course, and for deep humiliation before God on account of our remissness in duty. In the beginning of a new year, how suitable for the formation of new purposes of obedience and fidelity. May God grant us His Spirit to enlighten us upon our duties, guide us according to His holy will, and aid us this day in consecrating afresh all our energies to His service.

In compliance with your resolution of last session I will proceed to give you an account of my

Official Acts.

I granted permission to Bro. D. S. Henkel to preach at St. Peter's church, Rowan county, N. C., and to visit vacant churches in Cabarrus, Union and Mecklenburg counties of the same State. I gave him permission at a later period to resign his charge to pursue his education.

These are all the official acts I found necessary to perform during the year. And, now, I return to you the chair so kindly given me May the blessings of the Great Head of the Church attend your deliberations.

TIMOTHY MOSER.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being next in order, Synod proceeded to ballot. The following were chosen:

Rev. A. EFIRD, *President,*
" L. A. FOX, *Recording Secretary.*
" J. M. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

The papers addressed to Synod were presented and placed in the hands of a committee to arrange, class and number them. The committee was constituted of Rev. J. M. Smith, Rev. T. Crouse and Mr. F. K. Beck.

The President announced the following committees:

I. *On Unfinished Business:* Revs. T. Moser, I. Conder and Mr. J. A. Hess.

II. *On Letters and Petitions:* Revs. J. R. Peterson, H. Goodman and Mr. I. L. Wagner.

III. *Minutes of Sister Synods:* Revs. A. J. Fox, D. S. Henkel, and Dr. M. L. Fox.

IV. *On State of the Church:* Revs. J. R. Peterson, T. Crouse, D. S. Henkel.

V. *On President's Report:* Revs. A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith, and Mr. E. Aderhold.

VI. *On Examination:* Revs. T. Moser, A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith.

VII. *On Treasurer's Report:* Revs. I. Conder, T. Crouse and Dr. W. H. Hoffman.

The following was read and anopted:

Catechization.

WHEREAS the ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion previous to their con firmation, is in some places falling into disuse, and a rather loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualification for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed by catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our church previous to their confirmation. But in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or when such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunity to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case until such persons have been examined by the pastor before the council and approved by them.

Bro. A. J. Fox introduced to the notice of Synod the subject of the division of its territory into Conferences.

On motion, it was made the special order of to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M.

A paper was read concerning the "Evangelical Lutheran."

On motion, it was made the subject of special consideration on Saturday morning.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.

FRIDAY, October 25th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Spanish Grove church, Forsythe county, N. C., on application, was received into connection with Synod and its delegate enrolled among the members of this session.

The committee on the Unfinished Business of last session offered their report.

Report on Unfinished Business.

We, your committee on the Unfinished Business of the last session of Synod, beg leave to refer Synod

1. To item second, 12th page of the Minutes. We recommend that inquiry be made whether the delinquent brethren have taken the vote on the Revised Constitution.

2. To item third of the same page. We recommend that the committee appointed to prepare a code of By-Laws and Rules of Order be called upon to report.

3. To the 15th page. We call the attention of Synod to the *subject* there referred to.

T. MOSER.
I. CONDER.
J. A. HESS.

Accepted and adopted.

Item 1st. Brethren answered verbally.

The following was then adopted:

Inasmuch as the Revised Constitution, prepared by the Extra Session of this Synod convened in Zion church, Catawba county, N. C., on the 26th day of March, 1864, upon which final action was postponed by the regular session in 1864, and again in 1865 to the present session, has been approved by a large majority of the congregations of our Synod; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That it is and shall be, until altered, amended or disapproved by this Synod in the manner provided for in its last article, the organic law of this Synod. (For Constitution see Appendix A.)

Item 2d. The committee had discharged their duty, and offered their report. It was accepted, considered and approved by rules and sections.

On motion, Rev. J. R. Peterson was excused from voting on section 2d, of Article V.

Resolved, That the Rules of Order and By-Laws, which have been read and approved, rule by rule, and section by section, be now adopted as a whole, and, henceforth, until altered or amended as provided for in the last Article, be in full force and effect in the Synod.

Rev. H. Goodman records his vote against the resolution.

Resolved, That, if a sufficiency of funds can be procured, the Constitution and Rules of Order and By-Laws be printed; and that the Secretary be requested to transcribe them into our Synodical Book.

A new officer being provided for by the By-Laws, an election was held for Corresponding Secretary. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was duly elected.

Synod adjourned until after public worship.

A sermon was preached by Rev. H. Goodman. Text: Isaiah xxxv: 8.

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FRIDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. The order for the hour being the subject of Conferences, the consideration of Rev. Dr. Fox's resolution was resumed.

With only two dissenting voices it was adopted.

CONFERENCES.

WHEREAS there are many things relating to the interest of the Church that may be discussed by the ministers and intelligent laymen of the Church, that are not suitable for the consideration of the whole Synod, for several reasons, but, especially, because their discussion would protract too much the Synodical sessions; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that meetings where several ministers preach for several days in succession, would be productive of much good, as it would bring more people under the influence of the pure doctrine of our Church, and, in a measure remove that monotony occasioned by the continued labors of the same minister for a long series of years; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod authorizes the organization of three Conferences in North Carolina, and one in South Carolina, to meet as often as the Conferences themselves may deem it necessary to deliberate upon such matters, and discuss such subjects as their members may think most conducive to the interest of our beloved Lutheran Church within the territorial limits of each Conference,—provided, however, that no business shall be transacted which properly belongs to Synod, though each Conference may make suggestions to Synod.

The Eastern District shall embrace Mt. Pleasant, (Alamance), Coble's, Melanchthon's, Emmanuel's (Davidson), Pilgrim's, Beck's, New Jerusalem, Spanish Grove, Mt. Moriah, Phanuel's, Lutheran Union, St. Martin's (Stanly), Flat Rock, and such other congregations as may at any time be organized in this boundary.

The Middle District shall embrace St. Martin's (Iredell), Sharon, Salem (Alexander), Friendship, Pisgah, Bold Spring, Mt. Pleasant (Watauga) St. Peter's, St. John's, Hasses, St. Paul's, Miller's, Zion, Philadelphia (Caldwell), and all other churches as shall in the future be organized within this boundary.

The Southern District shall embrace Grace, Trinity, Daniel'e, Salem (Lincoln), Bethphage, St. Mark's, St. Luke's, Philadelphia (Gaston), Luther's Chapel, Christ's, Morning Star, St. Martin's, Emmanuel's (Union), Bethlehem, and others that may be organized in this District.

The one in South Carolina shall embrace Zion's, Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, St. John's, St. Peter's, Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, Meetze's, Emmanuel's, and others that may be organized in this District.

Any minister without a charge, a member of our Synod, may join any one of these Conferences he may choose.

The Conferences may adopt such constitutions and other regulations as their members may deem best suited to their wants, but such regulations must not be inconsistent with the Constitution of this Synod.

The consideration of item 3rd in report on Unfinished Business, was deferred until the committee on Letters and Petitions should report.

The attention of Synod was called to the subject of the spiritual wants of the Freedmen among us. On motion, a committee was appointed to devise a plan to meet those wants. Committee: Revs. T. Moser, J. M. Smith, T. Crouse, and Drs. W. H. Hoffman, M. L. Fox. The President was added to that committee by the action of Synod.

Committee No. IV submitted their report.

Report on President's Report.

We, your committee, have examined the President's report, but find nothing requiring the action of Synod except the notice of the death of our dear brother, D. E. Fox. We recommend that a committee of two be appointed to prepare a memorial of his death to appear upon the face of our Minutes.

We recommend, further, that the President's report be published in our Minutes. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. FOX,
J. M. SMITH,
E. ADERHOLD.

Accepted and adopted.

The committee on the death of Rev. D. E. Fox was constituted of Rev. I. Conder and Rev. J. M. Smith.

Rev. A. J. Fox offered the following, which was adopted.

Commission to General Synod of N. A.

WHEREAS the Evangelical Lutheran Church in these Southern States of the U. S. A., is, when compared with other branches of the great Christian family, but a very feeble body, and feeble as it is, is divided into nine or ten small synods, embracing in the aggregate not more than 200 ministers and 350 churches with about 35,000 communing members; and,

Whereas, We firmly believe in union there is strength, but in division there is weakness; and,

Whereas, The central point in the Lutheran Church is her doctrinal standards, to which she must firmly cling or cease to exist, and five of these Southern Synods having united themselves in a body known as the General Synod of the E. L. Church in N. A. and adopted as her doctrinal basis the Augsburg Confession of Faith; and,

Whereas, We, as a Synod, are anxious to do all we can to promote the interests of true Evangelical Lutheranism, and we think this can be done best by uniting the energies and resources of the Symbolical Lutheran Church in these States; therefore,

Resolved, That one of our most experienced and influential ministers be appointed a *commissioner* to meet the next regular meeting of the "General Synod, &c.", to convene in Staunton, Va., in May, 1867, and to confer with that body upon the practicability and possibility of uniting our Synod with said General Synod, and to report to the next session of this Synod the result of any conferences he may have with the General Synod or any of her authorized committees. Afterward this Synod shall take such steps as she shall determine best. This commissioner shall observe the following instructions in all his intercourse with the General Synod: this Synod proposes a union with the General Synod upon these conditions, viz: That the General Synod pledge herself that no Church journal, or book shall be published, or other publication shall ever be made by her order or under her sanction that contains anything contrary to any article of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith, and that no professor shall be appointed in any Theological Seminary who will not solemnly promise to teach correctly all the doctrines of said Confession, and that no Synod shall ever be received into her connection who does not without any reservation subscribe the said Confession; and further, with this distinct understanding upon her part, that, if at any time in the judgment of the delegates who represent this Synod, the General Synod shall violate the above principles, our delegates may withdraw from that session to report to the next session of this Synod whose action alone shall determine the future course of this Synod in relation to the General Synod.

The Synod proceeded to ballot for the commissioner. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was chosen principal and Rev. J. R. Peterson, alternate.

On motion, it was,

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod be requested to take collections to defray the expenses of this commissioner.

Resolved, That Rev. J. R. Peterson be appointed to transcribe the Form of Licensure, adopted at our last session, into our Synodical Book.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

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SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., October 28th.

Synod re-assembled. Rev. J. M. Smith led in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The special order of the hour being called for, the consideration of the subject of a Church paper was resumed. The following was adopted:

Evangelical Lutheran.

Inasmuch as we feel the great necessity of a good Lutheran Church journal circulating among our people, but not feeling ourselves able in the present crippled condition of pecuniary affairs to commence the publication of such a paper now, and as there is a weekly paper purporting to be strictly and symbolically Lutheran (at least in doctrinal features) published in Charlotte, N. C., in which we find some things, it is true, of a practical character which we cannot endorse, yet in view of the above stated facts and some other things we, for the present,

Resolve, To approve the circulation of the Evangelical Lutheran among our people.

Committee No. II presented their report which was accepted and considered *seriatim*.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to submit the following:

CLASS I. No. 1 is a letter from Rev. P. C. Henkel, in which he assigns family affliction as the reason for his absence from this meeting of Synod. He also gives his views in regard to the proposed alteration in our formula for the administration of the Lord's Supper. He is of the opinion that we can obtain no form which would harmonize better with the word of God and the Symbolical Books of the Church than that now in use by us, and appears to be opposed to any change.

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, are letters from Daniel's, Salem, Grace, Trinity, and Bethphage churches, in favor of an alteration of the formula used by us in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

No. 7 is a letter from St. Paul's, indorsed by Cedar Grove, St. Peter's, Zion and Emmanuel's churches, S. C., in favor of the proposed Revised Constitution, and, also, of the adoption of the Rules of Order and By-Laws.

Class II. No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. Stirewalt in which he gives the want of pecuniary means as the reason for his absence from the present meeting of Synod. He encloses a copy of resolutions passed by the Virginia Special Conference, praying for the advice of this Synod in regard to the formation of a new Synod in Virginia, based upon the "time-honored and established doctrines and usages of the Lutheran Church."

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. E. Seneker, in which he says, "from circumstances over which I have no control I cannot be present at Synod." He encloses, also, a copy of the same resolutions.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz, stating the reason of his absence from this meeting. He is favorable to a union with the Southern General Synod. He requests his letter to be read in open Synod.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. H. Wetzel, in which he asks an honorable dismission from this Synod with a view to connect himself with the Synod soon to be formed in Virginia.

Class III. No 1 is a petition from Cedar Grove congregation, asking the next annual session of Synod to be held in that church.

Nos. 2 and 3 are petitions from St. Peter's church, S. C., and Trinity church, N. C., of the same import.

Nos. 4 and 5 are petitions from St. Martin's (Cabarrus,) and Morning Star, praying for the pastoral services of either Rev. L. A. Fox or Rev. T. Moser. The latter congregation prays for the next session of Synod.

No. 6 is a petition from St. Martin's (Stanly,) asking the aid of Synod in procuring a pastor.

We, your committee, recommend that the resolutions of the Va. S. Conference, the letter from Rev. C. Moretz, and the letter from Rev. P. C. Henkel be read before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
HENRY GOODMAN,
I. L. WAGNER.

Item 1st. (Embracing Nos. 1—6 of Class I.) *Resolved*, That the subject of the change of the formula in the administration of the Lord's Supper be indefinitely postponed.

Item 2nd. Subject already disposed of.

Item 3rd. The resolution of the Virginia S. Conference were read. The following was adopted:

The New Synod in Virginia.

Whereas, The ministers and congregations in connection with this Synod who are located in the great valley of Virginia, have expressed a desire to organize themselves into a separate Synod, although we regret to separate from those with whom we have been for so many years associated, yet in view of the reasons presented by them, and the great distance that separates us from them and, consequently, the difficulty of meeting as often as the interest of the Church requires; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve, unanimously, the measure proposed by these brethren, and advise them to organize as soon as possible with such constitution and other regulations as may not be inconsistent with the Word of God and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, and promise them that as soon as the President shall be officially informed that this has been done, he will give them an honorable dismission from this Synod, with a distinct understanding, however, that a regular correspondence be maintained by the interchange of delegates or by the formation of some central organization.

Item 4. Brother Moretz's letter was read.

Item 5. Brother Wetzel is referred to the action of Synod above given.

Item 6. (Embracing Nos. 1—3 of Class III.) Subject deferred until the proper time for action.

Item 7. (Embracing Nos. 4—6 of Class III.) *Resolved*, That, as brother L. A. Fox is otherwise employed and cannot serve them, the petitioners be advised to extend a call to Rev. T. Moser or Rev. H. Goodman: and we promise them that if the services of neither of them *can* be secured the ministers residing in this State will visit them as often as possible.

Committee No. III presented their report.

Report on Minutes of Sister Synods.

We, your committee, have examined the Minutes of Sister Synods placed in our hands and notice

1. The Minutes of the E. L. Holston Synod in its sessions of 1863 and 1865.

These Minutes contain no parochial reports, and we are, therefore, unable to notice any statistical items except that the Clerical catalogue contains the names of nine ordained ministers.

These brethren, notwithstanding the fiery ordeal through which they have lately passed, are still alive to the great interests of our beloved Church. They remain the unwavering friends of her doctrines and customs. They are making as much progress as we could expect under the circumstances.

As they were once connected with this Synod we recommend that a delegate be appointed to their next session.

2. We find the Minutes of the third convention of the General Synod of the Evan. Luth. Church in the Confederate States of America, convened in St. John's church, Cabarrus county, N. C., June 14th, 1866.

We see that this newly organized Synod has a "mind to work," and has already done much to re-establish the doctrines and usages of our Church in the synods and congregations in her connection. Among other things that they have done to revive true Lutheranism, they have adopted the Augsburg Confession of Faith as their standard of doctrine. We hail with pleasure the advances these brethren have made; and we trust that ere long the entire Lutheran Church in this country can "see eye to eye" and stand firmly upon the acknowledged symbols of our Church.

3. We find the Minutes of the twenty-second convention of the General Synod of the Evan. Luth. Church in the U. S. A., which met in Ft. Wayne, Ia., on the 17th of May, 1866.

This Synod embraces 21 district synods, with 674 ministers, 1085 congregations, and 101,439 communicants.

We learn from these Minutes that a schism has taken place in this General Synod. The "mother Synod," the Pa. Synod, has withdrawn from its connection. The Pennsylvania Synod has some of the ablest men of the Church in this country in her connection and a larger number of communicants than any other synod in America. The real ground of separation is the doctrinal unsoundness of the General Synod. Other large and powerful synods, embracing it is supposed the greater part of the Lutheran Church in this country, seem to sympathize with the Pennsylvania Synod. From all that we can learn, we believe a great revolution has begun in the Lutheran Church in the Northern and Northwestern States, which we trust will entirely uproot that un-Lutheran, fanatical element which has for so many years retarded the progress of our Church in America. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
D. S. HENKEL,
M. L. FOX.

Accepted and adopted.

Committee No. VII submitted their report.

Report on Treasurer's Report.

We, your committee, have examined the report of our Treasurer and find it correct. Balance in hand of the Treasurer, $23 55.

I. CONDER,
T. CROUSE,
W. H. HOFFMAN.

Treasurer's Report.

J. M. Smith in account with the Tennessee Synod.

1865. October 24th. From Synod,.....	Dr. $65 40	$65 40
1866.	Cr.	
May. Cash paid E. B. Drake & Son for printing Minutes,.....	$40 00	
Postage, freight, &c.,.....	1 85	41 85
Balance in hand,		$23 55

Rev. I. Conder in behalf of the committee read the following

Memorial of Rev. D. E. Fox.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church, since our last session of Synod, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Rev. D. E. Fox; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That by this afflicting dispensation we have lost a worthy young brother, who had labored but a short time in his Master's vineyard.

2. *Resolved*, That, notwithstanding our deep regret for his removal and the loss to our church, since it has resulted in his everlasting gain, we bow in humble resignation to the will of God.

3. *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with his afflicted wife in her bereavement, and commend her to Him, who is the Husband of the widow, and makes all things work together for good to them that love God.

4. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be incorporated with the minutes of this Synod, that a copy be sent to the Evangelical Lutheran for publication, and a copy, also, to the bereaved wife of the deceased.

I. CONDER.
J. M. SMITH.

It was adopted by rising and standing in silence.

Resolved, That Rev. J. M. Smith be requested to prepare a suitable obituary to accompany these resolutions for publication in the Evangelical Lutheran.

Synod adjourned until after public worship.

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SATURDAY SERVICES.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. A. J. Fox preached. Text, Hebrews xii : 1.

Immediately after the sermon, thirteen were added to the church by confirmation.

At 2 o'clock, Rev. J. M. Smith preached. Text, 1 John i : 9.

SATURDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order. Committee No. VI offered their report.

Report of Examination.

We, the committee of Examination, beg leave to submit the following:

We had a colloquium with our licentiate, brother D. S. Henkel, and are happy to inform you that, notwithstanding the many duties devolving upon him in cultivating an extensive pastoral field, he has not been negligent in prosecuting his studies, literary and theological, since the last session of Synod.

We have, also, examined the written sermon submitted to our inspection, and found a considerable knowledge of Homiletics manifested. The style is respectable, the matter good, and, upon the whole, it is a respectable sermon.

We recommend that he be continued as a licentiate until our next annual convention. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
A. J. FOX,
J. M. SMITH.

The report was received and adopted.

Dr. M. L. Fox made application to be taken under the care of Synod as a student of theology. A committee of colloquium was appointed to confer with him upon his motives, &c. Committee: Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. J. M. Smith, and Mr. E. Aderhold.

The committee made a verbal report, recommending him. He was received as an applicant.

Rev. P. A. Long, German Reformed, was introduced as an advisory member and invited to a seat among us.

Resolved, That the vacant congregations be visited as often as possible by each minister, until they can be regularly supplied by pastors.

The committee appointed to devise a plan to meet the wants of the freedmen, made a report.

FREEDMEN.

Whereas, The colored people among us no longer sustain the same relation to the white man they did formerly, and that change has transferred the individual obligations and responsibility of owners to the whole Church; and,

Whereas, Some of them were formerly members of our congregations and still claim membership in them, but owing to the plainly marked distinctions which God has made between us and them, giving different colors, &c., it is felt by us, and them also, that there ought to be separate places of worship, and, also, separate ecclesiastical organizations, so that every one could worship God with the least possible embarrassment; and

Whereas, These colored people are considered firm adherents to our Church, and we feel it our imperative duty to assist them in adopting such measures as will meet best the necessities of their present condition; be it, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That whenever any of our colored brethren desire to preach, they may make application to some one of the ministers of our Synod, who shall inform the President, when it shall be the President's duty to appoint two ordained ministers who, in connection with two laymen whom they may choose, shall constitute a committee to examine the candidate upon his motives and mental and moral qualification, and, if they are satisfied, to license him to preach to, catechise, baptize, and celebrate the rites of mrtrimony among those of his own race, according to the usages of our Church, until the next regular session of Synod thereafter, when

said committee shall report. This license, however, does not authorize them to preach in our churches, or take part in our ecclesiastical meetings: nevertheless they are permitted to worship with us as heretofore, yet we advise them to erect houses for themselves in which they may worship.

2. *Resolved*, That we will use every reasonable means to aid them in organizing and building up congregations.

Respectfully submittted,

T. MOSER,
J. M. SMITH,
T. CROUSE,
M. L. FOX,
W. H. HOFFMAN,
A. EFIRD.

Thomas Fry, a freedman, having frequently expressed a desire to preach, the President, in compliance with the resolution given above, appointed Rev. P. C. Henkel and Rev. J. M. Smith as the clerical half of a committee to examine and, if found qualified, to license him.

An election was held for the place of our next meeting. Cedar Grove, Lexington District, S. C., was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September was the time designated.

Rev. L. A. Fox was appointed delegate to the Holston Synod, and Rev. C. Moretz, the alternate.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox be requested to furnish a copy of his sermon preached to-day to the Evangelical Lutheran for publication.

Resolved, That our Minutes be printed, and that one copy be sent each minister of our Synod and each Lutheran Synod in the Southern States.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the people of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay among them, and that this be read by the President from the pulpit with such remarks as he may deem appropriate, on tomorrow at the opening of the second service.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by the President, to meet in session at the time and place appointed.

SABBATH SERVICES.

On Sunday morning at 10½ o'clock, a large audience having assembled in the beautiful grove adjoining the church, Rev. A. Efird preached from Ps. 126 : 3. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Sunday afternoon Rev. J. R. Peterson preached. Text, Mat. 7 : 13–14. After the sermon the members of Synod and many other followers of Christ participated in the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Thus closed the day and ended the meeting of one of the most important, pleasant and interesting sessions in the history of this Synod. May the Great Head of the Church own and bless it, and may streams issue from it to make glad the city of our God.

L. A. FOX,
Secretary of Tennessee Synod.

APPENDIX A.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

(AS REVISED IN 1866.)

Article I.

The name of this Synod shall be THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Article II.

SEC. 1. The Holy Scriptures, the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments, shall be the only rule and standard of doctrine and church discipline.

SEC. 2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, in regard to matters of faith and practice, this Synod receives the three Ancient Symbols: the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian creeds; and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith. It receives also the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord—as true Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession.

Article III.

SEC. 1. This Synod shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod to represent them in the Synodical Meetings.

SEC. 2. Each one of these congregations shall have the right to appoint one such delegate who shall have equal rights and privileges with the ministers transacting the business of Synod.

SEC. 3. Every minister desiring to be received into connection with this Synod, shall on his reception, be required to subscribe this Constitution.

SEC. 4. No minister in connection with this Synod, shall be allowed to teach any thing, nor shall Synod transact any business contrary to the confessional basis as set forth in Article II.

SEC. 5. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office.—Cases of this kind if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

Article IV.

Sec. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practice, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to expel and depose from the Synod and holy office of the ministry, such as refuse after due admonition to repent of their wrong.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of Synod as soon as the wants of the church shall demand, and its resources will justify to engage in the work of Missions both domestic and foreign: and also in the work of beneficiary Education for the purpose of preparing indigent young men of talents and piety for the work of the ministry in connection with the Lutheran Church according to such regulations as it may adopt, and consider best calculated to promote these great objects.

Sec. 3. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting, appointing one or more Pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry at some suitable time and place by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Sec. 4. Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year, during which time all candidates for the ministerial office shall be taken on trial.

Sec. 5. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations who may desire to be connected with it, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

Article V.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. A majority of all votes cast will be required to constitute an election to any office. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolves upon the same in other public bodies, or as may be made obligatory upon them from time lo time, by Synod. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session, annually, and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Article VI.

Synod shall meet from time to time upon its own adjournments. Extra sessions may be called by the President, when requested for good and sufficient reasons, to do so, by two ministers and two lay-men in its connection.

Article VII.

Synod may at any regular meeting, by a concurrence of two-thirds of all the members present, make such regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Article VIII.

If any thing contained in these articles should hereafter be deemed contrary to the Confessional Basis of this Synod, oppressive, or inexpedient, it may be altered or amended. But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless a proposition for alteration or amendment shall have been laid before one of the sessions of Synod, in writing, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members voting. The proposition thus agreed to, shall then be laid, in due form, by the Synod in its Minutes before the congregations in its connection, for ratification or rejection by them; and the ministers or vestries of these congregations shall, at some suitable time, before the next succeeding sessions of Synod, take the vote of these congregations, on the Constitution as amended, allowing the members to vote for its ratification or rejection and send a statement of the vote to that session of Synod. If, then, it shall be ascertained by Synod that a majority of these congregations have voted in favor of ratification, the amendment shall become and be declared by Synod on the face of its Minutes a valid part of said Constitution, and the parts thereof repugnant to such alteration, void.

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APPENDIX B.

RULES OF ORDER AND BY-LAWS.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1.—At the time and place appointed for meeting, if three ordained ministers and three lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 2.—The first session shall be opened by the President with suitable religious exercises; and in the absence of the President, by the Secretary; and in the absence of both, by one of the older ministers present.—And every succeeding session shall be opened and closed with prayer, after which, in opening, the roll shall be called and, if the first session of the day, the minutes of the preceding day read, amended, if necessary, and approved.

Rule 3.—The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

Rule 4.—The President shall read his Annual Report as the last official act of his term, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election shall then be held.

Rule 5.—Delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies may be admitted, and advisory members may be received.

Rule 6.—The minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; all papers intended for Synod shall be handed in; and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before Synod.

Rule 7.—If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, the President may appoint a committee to class and number them according to their contents; if, however, the number be small, the President shall arrange them and place them in the hands of the committees to which they appropriately belong. The President shall appoint the following

COMMITTEES:

1. On President's Report.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. Of Examination of candidates for the Ministry.
4. On the State of the Church.
5. On Letters and Petitions.
6. On Treasurer's Report.
7. On Minutes of Sister Synods.

The President may appoint as many special committees as may be necessary.

Rule 8.—The vacant congregations shall be inquired after, and provisions shall be made for them.

Rule 9.—The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals be occupied by the items of promiscuous business.

Rule 10.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Rule 11.—Whenever any member shall be called to order by the President he shall sit down, and, also, when called to order by any member, unless the President decide in his favor.

By leave of Synod a member called to order may clear a matter of fact or explain, but shall not proceed in debate so long as the decision is against him but by permission of the House. Any member may appeal from the decision of the President, and, if, upon the appeal the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed; if otherwise, he shall not, except by leave of the House; and if, in the judgment of the House, the case requires, he shall be liable to censure.

Rule 12.—When two or more members rise at the same time the President shall name the member to speak.

Rule 13.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, and the first shall not be longer than fifteen minutes and the second not more than five minutes, without leave of the House.

Rule 14.—Whilst the President is putting a question to or addressing the House no member shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when any member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand or pass between him and the Chair.

Rule 15.—Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House shall for special reasons excuse him.

Rule 16.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, if it be written, it shall be handed to the President and it shall be read aloud either by himself or some one whom he may designate.

Rule 17.—Every motion shall be written if the President or any two members desire it.

Rule 18.—After a motion is stated or read by the President it shall be deemed in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn or amended before a decision, except in case of a motion to reconsider, which motion shall be deemed and taken to be in possession of the House and shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the House.

Rule 19.—When a question is under discussion, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to amend.

Rule 20.—When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted upon again during the session.

Rule 21.—Any member may call for a division of the question when it shall admit of it, which shall be determined by the President.

Rule 22.—When a motion has once been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof, and no motion to reconsider shall be taken from the table except by a two-thirds vote.

Rule 23.—When the yeas and nays are called for on any question, it shall be on motion, and if seconded by one-fifth of the members present, the question shall be decided by yeas and nays.

Rule 24.—Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections carefully avoided.

Rule 25.—No member or officer shall absent himself from the house without leave, unless from sickness or inability.

Rule 26.—Any member may excuse himself at the time of his appointment, if he is a member of two standing committees.

Rule 27.—If any member shall necessarily be absent on any business of the House when the vote is taken, he shall, on motion, upon entering the house be permitted to cast his vote.

Rule 28.—Each minister in connection with this Synod shall hand in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any other the Synod may at any time require.

Rule 29.—Election of delegates to ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod, shall be held.

Rule 30.—The time and place of holding the next session of Synod, shall be determined.

Rule 31.—Should any of the officers of Synod be absent, they shall send their reports with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. In case of the necessary absence of an officer during the sessions of Synod, he shall nominate a substitute *pro tempore*.

Rule 32.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the House is voting or some member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

RULE 33.—The Synod shall be dismissed by the President with appropriate religious service.

RULE 34.—Any of the foregoing rules may be altered or amended, at any regular session of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice at the previous session of Synod.

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BY-LAWS.

Article I.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD.

Sec. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained ministers of this body; and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon; and in connection with the pastor *loci* and elders of the congregation in which the Synod convenes, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each the liberty to speak without interruption from others; and prevent the speaker from deviating from the subject before the House.

Sec. 3. The President at the commencement of every Synod shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, of the letters received by him, since the last regular meeting, and of all the important events that have occurred relating to Synod which may have come to his knowledge; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the interest of the Church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

Sec. 4. If any minister of this Synod removes into the bounds of any other Evan. Lutheran Synod, the President, upon his request, may grant him an honorable dismission to that Synod.

Sec. 5. The President, by substituting a chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject. When on any question the vote should be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote except when voting by ballot.

Sec. 6. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod, the senior minister shall himself succeed him or shall appoint some one to fill the chair.

Article II.

OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of the duties of this office.

Sec. 2. He shall make a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers and documents unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of Synod. The Secretary shall attest with his official signature all certificates, all resolutions respecting ministers, delegates or churches, and the Minutes of Synod.

Sec. 3. If during the interval of the sessions of Synod the Secretary should become disqualified for his office or cease to be a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers of Synod which were in his hands and retain them, or shall appoint some one to discharge the duties of the office until the next meeting of Synod.

Article III.

OF THE TREASURER.

Sec. 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the monies belonging to Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay money out of the Treasury.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer is to see to the printing of the Minutes, if the Synod orders their publication, and to distribute them to each of the minister's charges in proportion to the amount of money received by Synod from them for that purpose.

Sec. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life or become in any way disqualified for his office, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

Article IV.

PROCESS OF SYNOD AGAINST AN ACCUSED MINISTER.

Sec. 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the characters of its members. No Minister on account of his office should be screened from the hands of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandalous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

Sec. 2. Should any member of the Church know a Minister to be guilty of a private fault, he should reprove him, in private, in a brotherly manner. [See Matt. xviii: 15.] If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the church council, who shall admonish the accused according to the above named text, or if the minister has no pastoral charge he shall report him to the President of Synod who shall admonish him. If he still will not hear, he must be reported to the Synod to whose decisions he must yield.

Sec. 3. Should a Minister be guilty of a gross violation of the principles of piety, rules of morality or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our Church, the member or members acquainted with the facts, shall immediately inform the President of Synod, who shall call without delay a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused if he has a charge, if he has not, in a congregation most convenient to the place where the alleged offense or offenses were committed. But if such a charge be brought within three months of the regular session, action in the case shall be deferred until the regular meeting, and the President shall suspend immediately the accused from the exercise of all ministerial functions until his case is decided.

Sec. 4. The President shall notify specially the parties of the *call session* and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid and impartial investigation. The accused shall be suspended, deposed, acquitted, or dealt with in whatever manner the evidences of the case may require.

Sec. 5. The President shall notify his charge of the decision in his case.

Sec. 6. Should any congregation in our connection continue or procure the services of a minister who has been suspended or deposed, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 7. If a Minister, against whom serious charges are preferred, be duly notified and refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, he shall be immediately suspended from the exercise of all the ministerial functions.

Article V.

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS.

Sec. 1. Any person desiring to become a Minister in this body, shall make application to the Synod, when a committee of three shall be appointed to confer with him upon his motives in becoming a Minister, and ascertain as far as possible his character as regards morality and piety, and report the result to Synod; if it be favorable, he shall then be directed to place himself under the care of some member of this Synod (who may grant him when qualified license to preach and catechise *until the next annual session*); or to put himself under the tuition of some approved Theological Seminary.

In the interim of annual sessions, this application must be made to the President, who with another Minister shall examine him, and, if satisfied, direct him to the care of some Minister or approved Seminary.

Sec. 2. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the licensure of a candidate for the ministry he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be publicly licensed to the next annual session of Synod. The vote shall be taken by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to secure license.

Sec. 3. When one or more congregations shall ask for the services and pray for the ordination of any candidate for the ministry, he shall be examined as to his qualifications, and shall, also, submit to Synod for consideration a written *essay* upon some theological subject and a *sermon.* If he sustains a satisfactory examination, he shall be ordained to the office of Pastor. The vote of two-thirds of all the members present shall be necessary to secure his ordination. The ordination must be conducted according to our Liturgy.

Sec. 4. Should an ordained minister of any other religious denomination make application to be received into connection with this Synod, he shall be examined as to his motives, his knowledge of the Theology of the Church and his willingness to maintain all the doctrines of the confessions of our church. The concurrence of two-thirds of the members of any regular meeting of Synod shall be necessary to his reception.

Article VI.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

When any particular duty is assigned to any minister or ministers by resolution of Synod or otherwise, it shall be their duty faithfully to comply with such requirements; but should they fail to do so, they must render their excuse; if satisfactory, they shall be excused; if not, they shall be censured or otherwise dealt with as the nature of the case requires.

RATIFYING CLAUSE.

Any of the above By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of Synod by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice having been given for such amendment at the previous annual session of Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations...	Communicants..	Baptisms. Infants.....	Baptisms. Adults.....	Confirmations....	Burials.....
Rev. A. J. Fox,	5	750	42	2	51	35
" J. R. Peterson,	3	200	24	...	4	3
" P. C. Henkel,	5	750	35	1	1	11
" A. Efird,	5	475	31	2	15	18
" D. Efird,	4	450	34	...	34	27
" T. Crouse,	3	140	6	3	1	6
" C. Moretz,	4	175	28	...	59	...
" I. Conder,	5	300	26	5	22	5
" J. M. Smith,	3	400	38	1	4	5
" L. A. Fox,	2	170	23	4	17	1
" D. S. Henkel,	3	150	35	2	10	9

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TREASURER,.....REV. J. M. SMITH.

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The next Annual Convention will convene at Cedar Grove, Lexington District, South Carolina, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1867.

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Beck's Church, Davidson Co., N. C.,
Thursday, October 25th, 1866.

According to its last adjournment, the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in Beck's Church, Davidson County, N. C., October 25th, 1866, to constitute the Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of said body. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. T. Moser, from 1 Corinthians iv: 5.

After the close of the public services the Synod was called to order by the President. The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. M. Smith was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The Clerical roll was called, and absentees noted.

CLERICAL ROLL.

1.	Rev. A. Henkel,†	New Market, Virginia.
2.	" H. Goodman,	Statesville, North Carolina.
3.	" C. G. Reitzel,*	Newton, " "
4.	" J. Killian,†	Waynesboro, Virginia.
5.	" J. R. Moser,†	Castor, Missouri.
6.	" J. Stirewalt,*	New Market, Virginia.
7.	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, North Carolina.
8.	" H. Wetzel,*	Woodstock, Virginia.
9.	" P. C. Henkel,*	Newton, North Carolina.
10.	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, " "
11.	" T. Moser,	Concord, " "
12.	" G. Smucker,†	Upper Tract, Virginia.
13.	" Prof. J. M. Wagner,†	College Box, Madisonville, T.
14.	" A. Efird,	Lexington, South Carolina.
15.	" T. Crouse,	Sandy Creek, North Carolina.
16.	" S. Henkel,†	New Market, Virginia.
17.	" D. Efird,*	Frog Level, South Carolina.
18.	" C. Moretz,*	Taylorsville, North Carolina.
19.	" J. E. Seneker,*	Waynesboro, Virginia.
20.	" J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N. C.
21.	" M. J. Stirewalt,*	Augusta Station, Indiana.
22.	" Prof. E. E. Smyre,†	College Box, Madisonville, T.
23.	" I. Conder,	Lexington, North Carolina.
24.	" L. A. Fox,	Lincolnton, " "

* Excused. † No excuse offered.

LICENTIATE.

25. Rev. D. S. Henkel, China Grove, North Carolina.

APPLICANT.

M. L. Fox, M. D., Sandy Creek, North Carolina.

The certificates of election were presented by the lay delegates, and their names enrolled among the members of Synod.

LAY-DELEGATES.

F. K. Beck,	Grace and Salem.
J. Sane,	Trinity and Daniel's.
D. Shell,	Bethphage.
E. Whitener,	Zion.
Dr. W. H. Hoffman,	Luther's Chapel, Christ's, and Philadelphia.
Dr. M. L. Fox,	Melanchthon's.
M. W. Noah,	Mt. Pleasant, Alamance.
A. B. Yount,	Philadelphia, Caldwell.
J. A. Poovey,	Bold Spring.
A. J. Moretz,	Mt. Pleasant, Watauga.
C. A. Little,	Sharon.
I. L. Wagner,	St. Martin's, Iredell.
A. Seachrist,	Emmanuel.
T. Young,	Beck's.
G. Kepley,	Pilgrim's.
J. Headrie,	New Jerusalem.
E. Aderhold,	St. Mark's and St. Luke's.
J. A. Hess,	Mt. Moriah.
N. P. Efird,	St. Martin's, Stanley,
Philip Fisher,	Morning Star.
E. Beck,	Spanish Grove.

The President read his report, which was received and laid upon the table for the action of the committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—Through the mercy of a kind Father we are permitted to meet again as brethren of the same faith to attend to His business; to spend a few days together in sweet communion; and to interchange thoughts, compare views, and strengthen each other's hands in the great work of saving souls.

During the past year God has been with us and blessed us with innumerable blessings. Thanks be to His Great Name for his forbearance, goodness and mercy. We should contemplate anew, to-day, that ineffable love, and feel constrained to make suitable returns of gratitude to the Giver of all good for all His mercies, and, especially for permitting so many of us to meet under such favorable circumstances.

But, whilst we rejoice at the blessings which have been so profusely poured upon us, our joy is mixed with grief. With tearful eyes we are compelled to record the death of a dear young brother, Rev. D. E. Fox, after a lingering illness, was called to his reward. Ordained at our last session, he was just entering fairly upon, and prepared fully for his Master's work. Death found him with his armor on, ready to obey his Father's bidding. In the spring-time of his life, when earth is sweetest, he was willing to die.

As we stand in the dark shadow of death, we are reminded of our own end. As we look at his vacant seat how deeply should we feel the responsibility resting upon us as the servants of the Most High God, who are soon to render a strict account for our stewardship. At the end of the year, how appropriate is the present occasion for a prayerful review of our past ministerial course, and for deep humiliation before God on account of our remissness in duty. In the beginning of a new year, how suitable for the formation of new purposes of obedience and fidelity. May God grant us His Spirit to enlighten us upon our duties, guide us according to His holy will, and aid us this day in consecrating afresh all our energies to His service.

In compliance with your resolution of last session I will proceed to give you an account of my

Official Acts.

I granted permission to Bro. D. S. Henkel to preach at St. Peter's church, Rowan county, N. C., and to visit vacant churches in Cabarrus, Union and Mecklenburg counties of the same State. I gave him permission at a later period to resign his charge to pursue his education.

These are all the official acts I found necessary to perform during the year. And, now, I return to you the chair so kindly given me May the blessings of the Great Head of the Church attend your deliberations.

TIMOTHY MOSER.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being next in order, Synod proceeded to ballot. The following were chosen:

Rev. A. EFIRD, *President*,
" L. A. FOX, *Recording Secretary*.
" J. M. SMITH, *Treasurer*.

The papers addressed to Synod were presented and placed in the hands of a committee to arrange, class and number them. The committee was constituted of Rev. J. M. Smith, Rev. T. Crouse and Mr. F. K. Beck.

The President announced the following committees:

I. *On Unfinished Business:* Revs. T. Moser, I. Conder and Mr. J. A. Hess.

II. *On Letters and Petitions:* Revs. J. R. Peterson, H. Goodman and Mr. I. L. Wagner.

III. *Minutes of Sister Synods:* Revs. A. J. Fox, D. S. Henkel, and Dr. M. L. Fox.

IV. *On State of the Church:* Revs. J. R. Peterson, T. Crouse, D. S. Henkel.

V. *On President's Report:* Revs. A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith, and Mr. E. Aderhold.

VI. *On Examination:* Revs. T. Moser, A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith.

VII. *On Treasurer's Report:* Revs. I. Conder, T. Crouse and Dr. W. H. Hoffman.

The following was read and anopted:

Catechization.

WHEREAS the ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion previous to their confirmation, is in some places falling into disuse, and a rather loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualification for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed by catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our church previous to their confirmation. But in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or when such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunity to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case until such persons have been examined by the pastor before the council and approved by them.

Bro. A. J. Fox introduced to the notice of Synod the subject of the division of its territory into Conferences.

On motion, it was made the special order of to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M.

A paper was read concerning the "Evangelical Lutheran."

On motion, it was made the subject of special consideration on Saturday morning.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.

FRIDAY, October 25th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Spanish Grove church, Forsythe county, N. C., on application, was received into connection with Synod and its delegate enrolled among the members of this session.

The committee on the Unfinished Business of last session offered their report.

Report on Unfinished Business.

We, your committee on the Unfinished Business of the last session of Synod, beg leave to refer Synod

1. To item second, 12th page of the Minutes. We recommend that inquiry be made whether the delinquent brethren have taken the vote on the Revised Constitution.

2. To item third of the same page. We recommend that the committee appointed to prepare a code of By-Laws and Rules of Order be called upon to report.

3. To the 15th page. We call the attention of Synod to the *subject* there referred to.

T. MOSER,
I. CONDER.
J. A. HESS.

Accepted and adopted.

Item 1st. Brethren answered verbally.

The following was then adopted:

Inasmuch as the Revised Constitution, prepared by the Extra Session of this Synod convened in Zion church, Catawba county, N. C., on the 26th day of March, 1864, upon which final action was postponed by the regular session in 1864, and again in 1865 to the present session, has been approved by a large majority of the congregations of our Synod; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That it is and shall be, until altered, amended or disapproved by this Synod in the manner provided for in its last article, the organic law of this Synod. (For Constitution see Appendix A.)

Item 2d. The committee had discharged their duty, and offered their report. It was accepted, considered and approved by rules and sections.

On motion, Rev. J. R. Peterson was excused from voting on section 2d, of Article V.

Resolved, That the Rules of Order and By-Laws, which have been read and approved, rule by rule, and section by section, be now adopted as a whole, and, henceforth, until altered or amended as provided for in the last Article, be in full force and effect in the Synod.

Rev. H. Goodman records his vote against the resolution.

Resolved, That, if a sufficiency of funds can be procured, the Constitution and Rules of Order and By-Laws be printed; and that the Secretary be requested to transcribe them into our Synodical Book.

A new officer being provided for by the By-Laws, an election was held for Corresponding Secretary. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was duly elected.

Synod adjourned until after public worship.

A sermon was preached by Rev. H. Goodman. Text: Isaiah xxxv: 8.

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FRIDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. The order for the hour being the subject of Conferences, the consideration of Rev. Dr. Fox's resolution was resumed.

With only two dissenting voices it was adopted.

CONFERENCES.

WHEREAS there are many things relating to the interest of the Church that may be discussed by the ministers and intelligent laymen of the Church, that are not suitable for the consideration of the whole Synod, for several reasons, but, especially, because their discussion would protract too much the Synodical sessions; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that meetings where several ministers preach for several days in succession, would be productive of much good, as it would bring more people under the influence of the pure doctrine of our Church, and, in a measure remove that monotony occasioned by the continued labors of the same minister for a long series of years; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod authorizes the organization of three Conferences in North Carolina, and one in South Carolina, to meet as often as the Conferences themselves may deem it necessary to deliberate upon such matters, and discuss such subjects as their members may think most conducive to the interest of our beloved Lutheran Church within the territorial limits of each Conference,—provided, however, that no business shall be transacted which properly belongs to Synod, though each Conference may make suggestions to Synod.

The Eastern District shall embrace Mt. Pleasant, (Alamance), Coble's, Melanchthon's, Emmanuel's (Davidson), Pilgrim's, Beck's, New Jerusalem, Spanish Grove, Mt. Moriah, Phanuel's, Lutheran Union, St. Martin's (Stanly), Flat Rock, and such other congregations as may at any time be organized in this boundary.

The Middle District shall embrace St. Martin's (Iredell), Sharon, Salem (Alexander), Friendship, Pisgah, Bold Spring, Mt. Pleasant (Watauga) St. Peter's, St. John's, Hasses, St. Paul's, Miller's, Zion, Philadelphia (Caldwell), and all other churches as shall in the future be organized within this boundary.

The Southern District shall embrace Grace, Trinity, Daniel'e, Salem (Lincoln), Bethphage, St. Mark's, St. Luke's, Philadelphia (Gaston), Luther's Chapel, Christ's, Morning Star, St. Martin's, Emmanuel's (Union), Bethlehem, and others that may be organized in this District.

The one in South Carolina shall embrace Zion's, Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, St. John's, St. Peter's, Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, Meetze's, Emmanuel's, and others that may be organized in this District.

Any minister without a charge, a member of our Synod, may join any one of these Conferences he may choose.

The Conferences may adopt such constitutions and other regulations as their members may deem best suited to their wants, but such regulations must not be inconsistent with the Constitution of this Synod.

The consideration of item 3rd in report on Unfinished Business, was deferred until the committee on Letters and Petitions should report.

The attention of Synod was called to the subject of the spiritual wants of the Freedmen among us. On motion, a committee was appointed to devise a plan to meet those wants. Committee: Revs. T. Moser, J. M. Smith, T. Crouse, and Drs. W. H. Hoffman, M. L. Fox. The President was added to that committee by the action of Synod.

Committee No. IV submitted their report.

Report on President's Report.

We, your committee, have examined the President's report, but find nothing requiring the action of Synod except the notice of the death of our dear brother, D. E. Fox. We recommend that a committee of two be appointed to prepare a memorial of his death to appear upon the face of our Minutes.

We recommend, further, that the President's report be published in our Minutes. Respectfully submitted.

A. J. FOX,
J. M. SMITH,
E. ADERHOLD.

Accepted and adopted.

The committee on the death of Rev. D. E. Fox was constituted of Rev. I. Conder and Rev. J. M. Smith.

Rev. A. J. Fox offered the following, which was adopted.

Commission to General Synod of N. A.

WHEREAS the Evangelical Lutheran Church in these Southern States of the U. S. A., is, when compared with other branches of the great Christian family, but a very feeble body, and feeble as it is, is divided into nine or ten small synods, embracing in the aggregate not more than 200 ministers and 350 churches with about 35,000 communing members; and,

Whereas, We firmly believe in union there is strength, but in division there is weakness; and,

Whereas, The central point in the Lutheran Church is her doctrinal standards, to which she must firmly cling or cease to exist, and five of these Southern Synods having united themselves in a body known as the General Synod of the E. L. Church in N. A. and adopted as her doctrinal basis the Augsburg Confession of Faith; and,

Whereas, We, as a Synod, are anxious to do all we can to promote the interests of true Evangelical Lutheranism, and we think this can be done best by uniting the energies and resources of the Symbolical Lutheran Church in these States; therefore,

Resolved, That one of our most experienced and influential ministers be appointed a *commissioner* to meet the next regular meeting of the "General Synod, &c.", to convene in Staunton, Va., in May, 1867, and to confer with that body upon the practicability and possibility of uniting our Synod with said General Synod, and to report to the next session of this Synod the result of any conferences he may have with the General Synod or any of her authorized committees. Afterward this Synod shall take such steps as she shall determine best. This commissioner shall observe the following instructions in all his intercourse with the General Synod: this Synod proposes a union with the General Synod upon these conditions, viz: That the General Synod pledge herself that no Church journal, or book shall be published, or other publication shall ever be made by her order or under her sanction that contains anything contrary to any article of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith, and that no professor shall be appointed in any Theological Seminary who will not solemnly promise to teach correctly all the doctrines of said Confession, and that no Synod shall ever be received into her connection who does not without any reservation subscribe the said Confession; and further, with this distinct understanding upon her part, that, if at any time in the judgment of the delegates who represent this Synod, the General Synod shall violate the above principles, our delegates may withdraw from that session to report to the next session of this Synod whose action alone shall determine the future course of this Synod in relation to the General Synod.

The Synod proceeded to ballot for the commissioner. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was chosen principal and Rev. J. R. Peterson, alternate.

On motion, it was,

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod be requested to take collections to defray the expenses of this commissioner.

Resolved, That Rev. J. R. Peterson be appointed to transcribe the Form of Licensure, adopted at our last session, into our Synodical Book.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

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SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., October 28th.

Synod re-assembled. Rev. J. M. Smith led in prayer.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

The special order of the hour being called for, the consideration of the subject of a Church paper was resumed. The following was adopted:

Evangelical Lutheran.

Inasmuch as we feel the great necessity of a good Lutheran Church journal circulating among our people, but not feeling ourselves able in the present crippled condition of pecuniary affairs to commence the publication of such a paper now, and as there is a weekly paper purporting to be strictly and symbolically Lutheran (at least in doctrinal features) published in Charlotte, N. C., in which we find some things, it is true, of a practical character which we cannot endorse, yet in view of the above stated facts and some other things we, for the present,

Resolve, To approve the circulation of the Evangelical Lutheran among our people.

Committee No. II presented their report which was accepted and considered *seriatim*.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to submit the following:

CLASS I. No. 1 is a letter from Rev. P. C. Henkel, in which he assigns family affliction as the reason for his absence from this meeting of Synod. He also gives his views in regard to the proposed alteration in our formula for the administration of the Lord's Supper. He is of the opinion that we can obtain no form which would harmonize better with the word of God and the Symbolical Books of the Church than that now in use by us, and appears to be opposed to any change.

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, are letters from Daniel's, Salem, Grace, Trinity, and Bethphage churches, in favor of an alteration of the formula used by us in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

No. 7 is a letter from St. Paul's, indorsed by Cedar Grove, St. Peter's, Zion and Emmanuel's churches, S. C., in favor of the proposed Revised Constitution, and, also, of the adoption of the Rules of Order and By-Laws.

Class II. No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. Stirewalt in which he gives the want of pecuniary means as the reason for his absence from the present meeting of Synod. He encloses a copy of resolutions passed by the Virginia Special Conference, praying for the advice of this Synod in regard to the formation of a new Synod in Virginia, based upon the "time-honored and established doctrines and usages of the Lutheran Church."

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. E. Seneker, in which he says, "from circumstances over which I have no control I cannot be present at Synod." He encloses, also, a copy of the same resolutions.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz, stating the reason of his absence from this meeting. He is favorable to a union with the Southern General Synod. He requests his letter to be read in open Synod.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. H. Wetzel, in which he asks an honorable dismission from this Synod with a view to connect himself with the Synod soon to be formed in Virginia.

Class III. No 1 is a petition from Cedar Grove congregation, asking the next annual session of Synod to be held in that church.

Nos. 2 and 3 are petitions from St. Peter's church, S. C., and Trinity church, N. C., of the same import.

Nos. 4 and 5 are petitions from St. Martin's (Cabarrus,) and Morning Star, praying for the pastoral services of either Rev. L. A. Fox or Rev. T. Moser. The latter congregation prays for the next session of Synod.

No. 6 is a petition from St. Martin's (Stanly,) asking the aid of Synod in procuring a pastor.

We, your committee, recommend that the resolutions of the Va. S. Conference, the letter from Rev. C. Moretz, and the letter from Rev. P. C. Henkel be read before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
HENRY GOODMAN,
I. L. WAGNER.

Item 1st. (Embracing Nos. 1—6 of Class I.) *Resolved*, That the subject of the change of the formula in the administration of the Lord's Supper be indefinitely postponed.

Item 2nd. Subject already disposed of.

Item 3rd. The resolution of the Virginia S. Conference were read. The following was adopted:

The New Synod in Virginia.

Whereas, The ministers and congregations in connection with this Synod who are located in the great valley of Virginia, have expressed a desire to organize themselves into a separate Synod, although we regret to separate from those with whom we have been for so many years associated, yet in view of the reasons presented by them, and the great distance that separates us from them and, consequently, the difficulty of meeting as often as the interest of the Church requires; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve, unanimously, the measure proposed by these brethren, and advise them to organize as soon as possible with such constitution and other regulations as may not be inconsistent with the Word of God and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, and promise them that as soon as the President shall be officially informed that this has been done, he will give them an honorable dismission from this Synod, with a distinct understanding, however, that a regular correspondence be maintained by the interchange of delegates or by the formation of some central organization.

Item 4. Brother Moretz's letter was read.

Item 5. Brother Wetzel is referred to the action of Synod above given.

Item 6. (Embracing Nos. 1—3 of Class III.) Subject deferred until the proper time for action.

Item 7. (Embracing Nos. 4—6 of Class III.) *Resolved*, That, as brother L. A. Fox is otherwise employed and cannot serve them, the petitioners be advised to extend a call to Rev. T. Moser or Rev. H. Goodman: and we promise them that if the services of neither of them *can* be secured the ministers residing in this State will visit them as often as possible.

Committee No. III presented their report.

Report on Minutes of Sister Synods.

We, your committee, have examined the Minutes of Sister Synods placed in our hands and notice

1. The Minutes of the E. L. Holston Synod in its sessions of 1863 and 1865.

These Minutes contain no parochial reports, and we are, therefore, unable to notice any statistical items except that the Clerical catalogue contains the names of nine ordained ministers.

These brethren, notwithstanding the fiery ordeal through which they have lately passed, are still alive to the great interests of our beloved Church. They remain the unwavering friends of her doctrines and customs. They are making as much progress as we could expect under the circumstances.

As they were once connected with this Synod we recommend that a delegate be appointed to their next session.

2. We find the Minutes of the third convention of the General Synod of the Evan. Luth. Church in the Confederate States of America, convened in St. John's church, Cabarrus county, N. C., June 14th, 1866.

We see that this newly organized Synod has a "mind to work," and has already done much to re-establish the doctrines and usages of our Church in the synods and congregations in her connection. Among other things that they have done to revive true Lutheranism, they have adopted the Augsburg Confession of Faith as their standard of doctrine. We hail with pleasure the advances these brethren have made; and we trust that ere long the entire Lutheran Church in this country can "see eye to eye" and stand firmly upon the acknowledged symbols of our Church.

3. We find the Minutes of the twenty-second convention of the General Synod of the Evan. Luth. Church in the U. S. A., which met in Ft. Wayne, Ia., on the 17th of May, 1866.

This Synod embraces 21 district synods, with 674 ministers, 1085 congregations, and 101,439 communicants.

We learn from these Minutes that a schism has taken place in this General Synod. The "mother Synod," the Pa. Synod, has withdrawn from its connection. The Pennsylvania Synod has some of the ablest men of the Church in this country in her connection and a larger number of communicants than any other synod in America. The real ground of separation is the doctrinal unsoundness of the General Synod. Other large and powerful synods, embracing it is supposed the greater part of the Lutheran Church in this country, seem to sympathize with the Pennsylvania Synod. From all that we can learn, we believe a great revolution has begun in the Lutheran Church in the Northern and Northwestern States, which we trust will entirely uproot that un-Lutheran, fanatical element which has for so many years retarded the progress of our Church in America. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
D. S. HENKEL,
M. L. FOX.

Accepted and adopted.

Committee No. VII submitted their report.

Report on Treasurer's Report.

We, your committee, have examined the report of our Treasurer and find it correct. Balance in hand of the Treasurer, $23 55.

I. CONDER,
T. CROUSE,
W. H. HOFFMAN.

Treasurer's Report.

J. M. Smith in account with the Tennessee Synod.

1865. October 24th. From Synod,.....	Dr.	$65 40	$65 40
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May. Cash paid E. B. Drake & Son for printing Minutes,.....		$40 00	
Postage, freight, &c.,.....		1 85	41 85
Balance in hand,			$23 55

Rev. I. Conder in behalf of the committee read the following

Memorial of Rev. D. E. Fox.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church, since our last session of Synod, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Rev. D. E. Fox; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That by this afflicting dispensation we have lost a worthy young brother, who had labored but a short time in his Master's vineyard.

2. *Resolved*, That, notwithstanding our deep regret for his removal and the loss to our church, since it has resulted in his everlasting gain, we bow in humble resignation to the will of God.

3. *Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with his afflicted wife in her bereavement, and commend her to Him, who is the Husband of the widow, and makes all things work together for good to them that love God.

4. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be incorporated with the minutes of this Synod, that a copy be sent to the Evangelical Lutheran for publication, and a copy, also, to the bereaved wife of the deceased.

I. CONDER.
J. M. SMITH.

It was adopted by rising and standing in silence.

Resolved, That Rev. J. M. Smith be requested to prepare a suitable obituary to accompany these resolutions for publication in the Evangelical Lutheran.

Synod adjourned until after public worship.

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SATURDAY SERVICES.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. A. J. Fox preached. Text, Hebrews xii : 1.

Immediately after the sermon, thirteen were added to the church by confirmation.

At 2 o'clock, Rev. J. M. Smith preached. Text, 1 John i : 9.

SATURDAY, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order. Committee No. VI offered their report.

Report of Examination.

We, the committee of Examination, beg leave to submit the following:

We had a colloquium with our licentiate, brother D. S. Henkel, and are happy to inform you that, notwithstanding the many duties devolving upon him in cultivating an extensive pastoral field, he has not been negligent in prosecuting his studies, literary and theological, since the last session of Synod.

We have, also, examined the written sermon submitted to our inspection, and found a considerable knowledge of Homiletics manifested. The style is respectable, the matter good, and, upon the whole, it is a respectable sermon.

We recommend that he be continued as a licentiate until our next annual convention. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
A. J. FOX,
J. M. SMITH.

The report was received and adopted.

Dr. M. L. Fox made application to be taken under the care of Synod as a student of theology. A committee of colloquium was appointed to confer with him upon his motives, &c. Committee: Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. J. M. Smith, and Mr. E. Aderhold.

The committee made a verbal report, recommending him. He was received as an applicant.

Rev. P. A. Long, German Reformed, was introduced as an advisory member and invited to a seat among us.

Resolved, That the vacant congregations be visited as often as possible by each minister, until they can be regularly supplied by pastors.

The committee appointed to devise a plan to meet the wants of the freedmen, made a report.

FREEDMEN.

WHEREAS, The colored people among us no longer sustain the same relation to the white man they did formerly, and that change has transferred the individual obligations and responsibility of owners to the whole Church; and,

Whereas, Some of them were formerly members of our congregations and still claim membership in them, but owing to the plainly marked distinctions which God has made between us and them, giving different colors, &c., it is felt by us, and them also, that there ought to be separate places of worship, and, also, separate ecclesiastical organizations, so that every one could worship God with the least possible embarrassment; and

Whereas, These colored people are considered firm adherents to our Church, and we feel it our imperative duty to assist them in adopting such measures as will meet best the necessities of their present condition; be it, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That whenever any of our colored brethren desire to preach, they may make application to some one of the ministers of our Synod, who shall inform the President, when it shall be the President's duty to appoint two ordained ministers who, in connection with two laymen whom they may choose, shall constitute a committee to examine the candidate upon his motives and mental and moral qualification, and, if they are satisfied, to license him to preach to, catechise, baptize, and celebrate the rites of mrtrimony among those of his own race, according to the usages of our Church, until the next regular session of Synod thereafter, when

said committee shall report. This license, however, does not authorize them to preach in our churches, or take part in our ecclesiastical meetings: nevertheless they are permitted to worship with us as heretofore, yet we advise them to erect houses for themselves in which they may worship.

2. *Resolved*, That we will use every reasonable means to aid them in organizing and building up congregations.

Respectfully submittted,

T. MOSER,
J. M. SMITH,
T. CROUSE,
M. L. FOX,
W. H. HOFFMAN,
A. EFIRD.

Thomas Fry, a freedman, having frequently expressed a desire to preach, the President, in compliance with the resolution given above, appointed Rev. P. C. Henkel and Rev. J. M. Smith as the clerical half of a committee to examine and, if found qualified, to license him.

An election was held for the place of our next meeting. Cedar Grove, Lexington District, S. C., was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September was the time designated.

Rev. L. A. Fox was appointed delegate to the Holston Synod, and Rev. C. Moretz, the alternate.

Resolved, That Rev. A. J. Fox be requested to furnish a copy of his sermon preached to-day to the Evangelical Lutheran for publication.

Resolved, That our Minutes be printed, and that one copy be sent each minister of our Synod and each Lutheran Synod in the Southern States.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the people of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay among them, and that this be read by the President from the pulpit with such remarks as he may deem appropriate, on tomorrow at the opening of the second service.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by the President, to meet in session at the time and place appointed.

SABBATH SERVICES.

On Sunday morning at 10½ o'clock, a large audience having assembled in the beautiful grove adjoining the church, Rev. A. Efird preached from Ps. 126 : 3. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

Sunday afternoon Rev. J. R. Peterson preached. Text, Mat. 7 : 13–14. After the sermon the members of Synod and many other followers of Christ participated in the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Thus closed the day and ended the meeting of one of the most important, pleasant and interesting sessions in the history of this Synod. May the Great Head of the Church own and bless it, and may streams issue from it to make glad the city of our God.

L. A. FOX,
Secretary of Tennessee Synod.

APPENDIX A.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

(AS REVISED IN 1866.)

Article I.

The name of this Synod shall be THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Article II.

SEC. 1. The Holy Scriptures, the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments, shall be the only rule and standard of doctrine and church discipline.

SEC. 2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, in regard to matters of faith and practice, this Synod receives the three Ancient Symbols: the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian creeds; and the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith. It receives also the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord—as true Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession.

Article III.

SEC. 1. This Synod shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod to represent them in the Synodical Meetings.

SEC. 2. Each one of these congregations shall have the right to appoint one such delegate who shall have equal rights and privileges with the ministers transacting the business of Synod.

SEC. 3. Every minister desiring to be received into connection with this Synod, shall on his reception, be required to subscribe this Constitution.

SEC. 4. No minister in connection with this Synod, shall be allowed to teach any thing, nor shall Synod transact any business contrary to the confessional basis as set forth in Article II.

SEC. 5. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office.—Cases of this kind if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

Article IV.

Sec. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practice, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to expel and depose from the Synod and holy office of the ministry, such as refuse after due admonition to repent of their wrong.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of Synod as soon as the wants of the church shall demand, and its resources will justify to engage in the work of Missions both domestic and foreign; and also in the work of beneficiary Education for the purpose of preparing indigent young men of talents and piety for the work of the ministry in connection with the Lutheran Church according to such regulations as it may adopt, and consider best calculated to promote these great objects.

Sec. 3. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting, appointing one or more Pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry at some suitable time and place by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Sec. 4. Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year, during which time all candidates for the ministerial office shall be taken on trial.

Sec. 5. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations who may desire to be connected with it, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

Article V.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. A majority of all votes cast will be required to constitute an election to any office. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolves upon the same in other public bodies, or as may be made obligatory upon them from time lo time, by Synod. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session, annually, and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Article VI.

Synod shall meet from time to time upon its own adjournments. Extra sessions may be called by the President, when requested for good and sufficient reasons, to do so, by two ministers and two lay-men in its connection.

Article VII.

Synod may at any regular meeting, by a concurrence of two-thirds of all the members present, make such regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

Article VIII.

If any thing contained in these articles should hereafter be deemed contrary to the Confessional Basis of this Synod, oppressive, or inexpedient, it may be altered or amended. But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless a proposition for alteration or amendment shall have been laid before one of the sessions of Synod, in writing, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members voting. The proposition thus agreed to, shall then be laid, in due form, by the Synod in its Minutes before the congregations in its connection, for ratification or rejection by them ; and the ministers or vestries of these congregations shall, at some suitable time, before the next succeeding sessions of Synod, take the vote of these congregations, on the Constitution as amended, allowing the members to vote for its ratification or rejection and send a statement of the vote to that session of Synod. If, then, it shall be ascertained by Synod that a majority of these congregations have voted in favor of ratification, the amendment shall become and be declared by Synod on the face of its Minutes a valid part of said Constitution, and the parts thereof repugnant to such alteration, void.

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APPENDIX B.

RULES OF ORDER AND BY-LAWS.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1.—At the time and place appointed for meeting, if three ordained ministers and three lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 2.—The first session shall be opened by the President with suitable religious exercises ; and in the absence of the President, by the Secretary ; and in the absence of both, by one of the older ministers present.—And every succeeding session shall be opened and closed with prayer, after which, in opening, the roll shall be called and, if the first session of the day, the minutes of the preceding day read, amended, if necessary, and approved.

Rule 3.—The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

Rule 4.—The President shall read his Annual Report as the last official act of his term, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election shall then be held.

Rule 5.—Delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies may be admitted, and advisory members may be received.

Rule 6.—The minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; all papers intended for Synod shall be handed in; and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before Synod.

Rule 7.—If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, the President may appoint a committee to class and number them according to their contents; if, however, the number be small, the President shall arrange them and place them in the hands of the committees to which they appropriately belong. The President shall appoint the following

COMMITTEES:

1. On President's Report.
2. On Unfinished Business.
3. Of Examination of candidates for the Ministry.
4. On the State of the Church.
5. On Letters and Petitions.
6. On Treasurer's Report.
7. On Minutes of Sister Synods.

The President may appoint as many special committees as may be necessary.

Rule 8.—The vacant congregations shall be inquired after, and provisions shall be made for them.

Rule 9.—The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals be occupied by the items of promiscuous business.

Rule 10.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Rule 11.—Whenever any member shall be called to order by the President he shall sit down, and, also, when called to order by any member, unless the President decide in his favor.

By leave of Synod a member called to order may clear a matter of fact or explain, but shall not proceed in debate so long as the decision is against him but by permission of the House. Any member may appeal from the decision of the President, and, if, upon the appeal the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed; if otherwise, he shall not, except by leave of the House; and if, in the judgment of the House, the case requires, he shall be liable to censure.

Rule 12.—When two or more members rise at the same time the President shall name the member to speak.

Rule 13.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, and the first shall not be longer than fifteen minutes and the second not more than five minutes, without leave of the House.

Rule 14.—Whilst the President is putting a question to or addressing the House no member shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when any member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand or pass between him and the Chair.

Rule 15.—Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House shall for special reasons excuse him.

Rule 16.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, if it be written, it shall be handed to the President and it shall be read aloud either by himself or some one whom he may designate.

Rule 17.—Every motion shall be written if the President or any two members desire it.

Rule 18.—After a motion is stated or read by the President it shall be deemed in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn or amended before a decision, except in case of a motion to reconsider, which motion shall be deemed and taken to be in possession of the House and shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the House.

Rule 19.—When a question is under discussion, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to amend.

Rule 20.—When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted upon again during the session.

Rule 21.—Any member may call for a division of the question when it shall admit of it, which shall be determined by the President.

Rule 22.—When a motion has once been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof, and no motion to reconsider shall be taken from the table except by a two-thirds vote.

Rule 23.—When the yeas and nays are called for on any question, it shall be on motion, and if seconded by one-fifth of the members present, the question shall be decided by yeas and nays.

Rule 24.—Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections carefully avoided.

Rule 25.—No member or officer shall absent himself from the house without leave, unless from sickness or inability.

Rule 26.—Any member may excuse himself at the time of his appointment, if he is a member of two standing committees.

Rule 27.—If any member shall necessarily be absent on any business of the House when the vote is taken, he shall, on motion, upon entering the house be permitted to cast his vote.

Rule 28.—Each minister in connection with this Synod shall hand in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any other the Synod may at any time require.

Rule 29.—Election of delegates to ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod, shall be held.

Rule 30.—The time and place of holding the next session of Synod, shall be determined.

Rule 31.—Should any of the officers of Synod be absent, they shall send their reports with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. In case of the necessary absence of an officer during the sessions of Synod, he shall nominate a substitute *pro tempore*.

Rule 32.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the House is voting or some member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

Rule 33.—The Synod shall be dismissed by the President with appropriate religious service.

Rule 34.—Any of the foregoing rules may be altered or amended, at any regular session of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice at the previous session of Synod.

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BY-LAWS.

Article I.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD.

Sec. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained ministers of this body; and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon; and in connection with the pastor *loci* and elders of the congregation in which the Synod convenes, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

Sec. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each the liberty to speak without interruption from others; and prevent the speaker from deviating from the subject before the House.

Sec. 3. The President at the commencement of every Synod shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, of the letters received by him, since the last regular meeting, and of all the important events that have occurred relating to Synod which may have come to his knowledge; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the interest of the Church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

Sec. 4. If any minister of this Synod removes into the bounds of any other Evan. Lutheran Synod, the President, upon his request, may grant him an honorable dismission to that Synod.

Sec. 5. The President, by substituting a chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject. When on any question the vote should be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote except when voting by ballot.

Sec. 6. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod, the senior minister shall himself succeed him or shall appoint some one to fill the chair.

Article II.

OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of the duties of this office.

Sec. 2. He shall make a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers and documents unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of Synod. The Secretary shall attest with his official signature all certificates, all resolutions respecting ministers, delegates or churches, and the Minutes of Synod.

Sec. 3. If during the interval of the sessions of Synod the Secretary should become disqualified for his office or cease to be a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers of Synod which were in his hands and retain them, or shall appoint some one to discharge the duties of the office until the next meeting of Synod.

Article III.

OF THE TREASURER.

Sec. 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the monies belonging to Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay money out of the Treasury.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer is to see to the printing of the Minutes, if the Synod orders their publication, and to distribute them to each of the minister's charges in proportion to the amount of money received by Synod from them for that purpose.

Sec. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life or become in any way disqualified for his office, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

Article IV.

PROCESS OF SYNOD AGAINST AN ACCUSED MINISTER.

Sec. 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the characters of its members. No Minister on account of his office should be screened from the hands of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandalous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

Sec. 2. Should any member of the Church know a Minister to be guilty of a private fault, he should reprove him, in private, in a brotherly manner. [See Matt. xviii: 15.] If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the church council, who shall admonish the accused according to the above named text, or if the minister has no pastoral charge he shall report him to the President of Synod who shall admonish him. If he still will not hear, he must be reported to the Synod to whose decisions he must yield.

Sec. 3. Should a Minister be guilty of a gross violation of the principles of piety, rules of morality or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our Church, the member or members acquainted with the facts, shall immediately inform the President of Synod, who shall call without delay a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused if he has a charge, if he has not, in a congregation most convenient to the place where the alleged offense or offenses were committed. But if such a charge be brought within three months of the regular session, action in the case shall be deferred until the regular meeting, and the President shall suspend immediately the accused from the exercise of all ministerial functions until his case is decided.

Sec. 4. The President shall notify specially the parties of the *call session* and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid and impartial investigation. The accused shall be suspended, deposed, acquitted, or dealt with in whatever manner the evidences of the case may require.

Sec. 5. The President shall notify his charge of the decision in his case.

Sec. 6. Should any congregation in our connection continue or procure the services of a minister who has been suspended or deposed, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 7. If a Minister, against whom serious charges are preferred, be duly notified and refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, he shall be immediately suspended from the exercise of all the ministerial functions.

Article V.

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS.

Sec. 1. Any person desiring to become a Minister in this body, shall make application to the Synod, when a committee of three shall be appointed to confer with him upon his motives in becoming a Minister, and ascertain as far as possible his character as regards morality and piety, and report the result to Synod; if it be favorable, he shall then be directed to place himself under the care of some member of this Synod (who may grant him when qualified license to preach and catechise *until the next annual session*); or to put himself under the tuition of some approved Theological Seminary.

In the interim of annual sessions, this application must be made to the President, who with another Minister shall examine him, and, if satisfied, direct him to the care of some Minister or approved Seminary.

Sec. 2. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the licensure of a candidate for the ministry he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be publicly licensed to the next annual session of Synod. The vote shall be taken by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to secure license.

Sec. 3. When one or more congregations shall ask for the services and pray for the ordination of any candidate for the ministry, he shall be examined as to his qualifications, and shall, also, submit to Synod for consideration a written *essay* upon some theological subject and a *sermon.* If he sustains a satisfactory examination, he shall be ordained to the office of Pastor. The vote of two-thirds of all the members present shall be necessary to secure his ordination. The ordination must be conducted according to our Liturgy.

Sec. 4. Should an ordained minister of any other religious denomination make application to be received into connection with this Synod, he shall be examined as to his motives, his knowledge of the Theology of the Church and his willingness to maintain all the doctrines of the confessions of our church. The concurrence of two-thirds of the members of any regular meeting of Synod shall be necessary to his reception.

Article VI.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

When any particular duty is assigned to any minister or ministers by resolution of Synod or otherwise, it shall be their duty faithfully to comply with such requirements; but should they fail to do so, they must render their excuse; if satisfactory, they shall be excused; if not, they shall be censured or otherwise dealt with as the nature of the case requires.

RATIFYING CLAUSE.

Any of the above By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of Synod by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice having been given for such amendment at the previous annual session of Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PASTORS.	Congregations...	Communicants..	Baptisms. Infants.....	Baptisms. Adults.....	Confirmations...	Burials.....
Rev. A. J. Fox,	5	750	42	2	51	35
" J. R. Peterson,	3	200	24	...	4	3
" P. C. Henkel,	5	750	35	1	1	11
" A. Efird,	5	475	31	2	15	18
" D. Efird,	4	450	34	...	34	27
" T. Crouse,	3	140	6	3	1	6
" C. Moretz,	4	175	28	...	59	...
" I. Conder,	5	300	26	5	22	5
" J. M. Smith,	3	400	38	1	4	5
" L. A. Fox,	2	170	23	4	17	1
" D. S. Henkel,	3	150	35	2	10	9

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Minutes.

In obedience to a resolution of the last meeting of Synod, the Ministers and Lay-Delegates composing the Forty Seventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod assembled in Cedar Grove Church, Lexington District, South Carolina, on Thursday, the 19th of September, A. D., 1867, and the opening Sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Fox, from Acts 16:17.

After a short intermission, the members of Synod reassembled in the Church and the first session was opened with singing and prayer by the President. The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. R. Peterson was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The Clerical roll was called and the absentees noted.

Clerical Roll.

1	Rev. A. Henkel,*	New Market, Virginia.
2	" H. Goodman,†	Statesville, North Carolina.
3	" C. G. Reitzel,*	Newton, "
4	" J. Killian,*	Waynesboro, Virginia.
5	" J. R. Moser,*	Cold Water, Missouri.
6	" J. Stirewalt,*	New Market, Virginia.
7	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, North Carolina.
8	" H Wetzel,*	Woodstock, Virginia.
9	" P. C. Henkel,†	Newton, North Carolina.
10	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, "
11	" T. Moser,†	Concord, "
12	" G. Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Virginia.
13	" A. Efird,	Lexington, South Carolina.
14	" Prof. J. M. Wagner,‡	Madisonville, Tennessee.
15	" T. Crouse,†	Sandy Creek, North Carolina.
16	" S. Henkel,*	New Market, Virginia.
17	" D. Efird,	Frog Level, South Carolina.
18	" C. Moretz,*	Boone, North Carolina.
19	" J. E. Seneker,*	Waynesboro, Virginia.
20	" J. M. Smith,†	Catawba Station, North Carolina.
21	" M. J. Stirewalt,*	Augusta Station, Indiana.
22	" Prof. E. E. Smyer,†	Madisonville, Tennessee.
23	" I. Condor,†	Harrisonburg, Virginia.
24	" L. A. Fox,*	Salem, Roanoke county, Virginia.

* Absent and excused. † Absent and not excused. ‡ Dismissed to Holston Synod.

Licentiates.

25	Rev. D. S. Henkel,	China Grove, North Carolina.
26	" M. L. Fox,‡	Sandy Creek, "

Lay-Delegates.

Mr. Daniel Drafts,	Cedar Grove.
" G. J. Hook,	St. Paul's.
" John Snyder,	St. Peter's or Meetze's.
" W. A. Hook,	Zion's.
" Jefferson Sox,	Emanuel's.
Capt. J. H. Coon,	St. Peter's or Piney Wood's.
" U. B. Whites,	St. Jacob's.
Mr. Samuel Shealey,	St. John's.
" David Bookman,	Bethlehem.
" E. H. Miller,	Mt. Moriah.
Dr. M. L. Fox,	Melanchton's.
Mr. D. M. Wyont,	Trinity, Grace, Sardis, Daniel's, Bethphage, Salem and St. Mark's.
" W. A. Mauney,	St. Luke's.
" M. L. Hoffman,	Lutheran Chapel and Christ's.

The President read his Report as his last official act, and announced the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted in the choice of

Rev. A. J. FOX, President,	Rev. D. EFIRD, Cor. Secretary,
" J. R. PETERSON, Rec. Sec.,	" D. S. HENKEL, Treasurer.

‡ Licensed at this meeting.

Revs. Prof. J. P. Smettzer and J. H. Bailey, of South Carolina, being present, were invited to seats as advisory members of Synod.

Upon motion, the reading of the Minutes of last Synod was dispensed with.

The papers and documents intended for Synod were called for and the following Committees appointed:

1.—*On President's Report*—Rev. J. R. Peterson and Messrs David Bookman and D. M. Wyont.

2.—*On Unfinished Business*—Rev. D. Efird and Messrs. M. L. Hoffman and W. A. Hook.

3.—*On Examination of Candidates*—Revs. A. Efird, J. R. Peterson and D. Efird.

4.—*On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. D. S. Henkel, A. Efird and Mr. J. H. Coon.

5.—*On Treasurer's Report*—Rev. D. Efird, Mr. G. J. Hook and Dr. M. L. Fox.

6.—*On Minutes of Sister Synods*—Revs. A. Efird, D. S. Henkel and Mr. M. L. Hoffman.

7.—*On State of the Church*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, D. S Henkel and Dr. M. L. Fox.

The Report of the Commissioner to the General Synod was received and referred to the following Committee for report:

8.—*Committee*—Revs. A. Efird, J. R. Peterson and Dr. M. L. Fox.

Upon motion, it was I. *Resolved*, That the members of this Synod living in the State of Virginia, and, who last year obtained the consent of the Synod to form a new organization in that State, be excused for not attending this meeting.

No satisfactory reasons having been received for the absence from this meeting of Revs. H. Goodman, C. G. Reitzel, P. C. Henkel, J. M. Smith, C. Moretz, E. E. Smyer and I. Condor, it was

II. *Resolved*, That they be not excused.

In consideration of the great distance from this place of meeting at which Revs. J. R. Moser and M. J Stirewalt reside, it was.

III. *Resolved*, That they be excused for non-attendance.

Upon motion, Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.—Prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

Second Session.

FRIDAY, September 20th, 9 O'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Prof Smettzer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions handed in the following Report which was acted upon by items.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to report upon Letters and Petitions beg leave to submit the following:

CLASS I —No. 1 is a letter from Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, in which he states as a reason for his non-attendance, the great distance at which he is located. His sympathies are still with us and he kindly asks Synod to excuse his absence. He contemplates, at an early day, praying Synod for a dismission with a view of uniting with the English District Synod of Ohio.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. L. A. Fox, in which he assigns his return to College as a reason for his absence from this meeting, and asks to be excused He also asks to be excused for not attending the Holston Synod. His reason is that he was engaged in reviewing his literary course. Bro.

Fox also directs our attention to the subject of Church Discipline. He desires Synod to give the subject a full and impartial investigation. He also expresses a hope that at an early day the entire Lutheran Church may become united upon one common basis; but for the present he thinks a union not practicable. He hopes to be with us at our next meeting of Synod.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, in which he offers as an excuse for his absence, an anticipated visit to the West, yet this Fall. He doubts the propriety of uniting with the General Synod at this time, and urges the necessity of careful action upon the subject.

Class II.—Nos. 1 and 2 are memorials from Mt. Moriah and Phannel's churches, expressing satisfaction with the pastoral services of Rev. D. S. Henkel, and praying for a continuation of his services with them.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Martin's church, Stanly county, N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of their present minister Rev. D. S. Henkel, and also that his services be continued with them.

No. 4 is a petition from Salem church, Lincoln county, N. C., praying that the next meeting of Synod be held at that church.

No. 5 is a petition from Sardis church, Catawba county, N. C., praying to be received into this Synod.

No. 6 is a petition from Melanchton's church, Randolph county, N. C., praying for ministerial services, and also that the next Synod be held in their church.

No. 7 is a memorial from the Southern Conference of this Synod in which the memorialists call the attention of Synod to the subject of Church Discipline, as regards the proper person for exercising it. They state that after a careful investigation, they have concluded that the former practice of congregations has been wrong. They petition Synod to investigate the subject and furnish congregations with some uniform system of Church Discipline.

We, your Committee, recommend that the letters of Revs. Smith and Fox, and also the memorial of the Southern Conference be read in open Synod. Respectfully submitted,

D. S. HENKEL,
A. EFIRD,
J. H. COON.

In reference to No. 1, Class I, see resolution 3d, p. 4th.

With regard to the absence of Bro. L. A. Fox and also his non-attendance upon the Holston Synod, it was

IV. *Resolved*, That he be excused.

Further action upon item 2d was postponed until the matter it contains be brought up in its proper connection.

In regard to No. 3, see Resolution I, p. 3.

At this stage of our proceedings, Rev. E. Caughman of the South Carolina Synod, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Class II, Nos. 1 and 2. No action necessary.

Relative to item 2, no action could be had—Bro. Henkel declining to submit to examination with a view to ordination.

Upon Nos. 4 and 5, it was

V. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet again in Salem church, Lincoln county, N. C., at 10 o'clock, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday of September, A. D., 1868.

In answer to petition No. 5, it was

VI. *Resolved*, That Sardis church be received into connection with this Synod.

The prayer for ministerial service, No. 6, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

In answer to petition, No. 7, it was

VII. *Resolved*, That a Committee consisting of three ministers, of whom the President shall be one, and two lay-men, be appointed to consider the subject of the memorial from the Southern Conference and report to the next meeting of Synod.

IX. *Committee.*—Revs. T. *M*oser, P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox and *M*essrs. A. Costner and *M*. L. Cline.

Upon motion, Rev. Prof. Smettzer was invited to address the Synod and congregation present, upon the interests of Newberry College and Theological Seminary, over whose interests he presides as President and Professor.

Synod took a recess until after public worship. Sermon by Rev. D. S. Henkel. Text, 1 Kings, 6:7.

Third Session.

FRIDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

Synod again met, and Prof. Smettzer proceeded to deliver his address.—At the conclusion of the address the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

VIII. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the Address of Prof. Smettzer, in regard to the interests of Newberry College and the Theological Seminary of the General Synod in North America, and, although we are not immediately interested in those Institutions, we promise as far as we are able to encourage those excellent institutions of learning.

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report returned the same with their report upon it.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. *M.* Smith in account with the Tennessee Synod.

1866.			Dr.
October 25.	Received from Synod,	$83 60	
	Due Synod from Rev. J. R. Peterson, *M.*	2 60	
			86 20
1866.			Cr.
December.	E. B. Drake & Son, Printing *M*inutes,	$40 00	
	Postage, Freight, &c.,	3 25	
			43 25
	Balance in hand,		$42 95

Respectfully submitted, J. *M.* SMITH.

We, the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report, have examined the same and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

D. EFIRD,
M. L. FOX,
G. J. HOOK.

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was received and acted upon by items.

REPORT.

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business of last Synod, beg leave to refer,

1. To page 8 of *M*inutes, on transcribing By-Laws and Rules of Order.
2. To page 10, relating to Commissioner to the General Synod, and also to his travelling expenses.
3. To page 11, concerning the transcribing of form of Licensure.
4. To page 13, relative to the contemplated new Synod in Virginia.
5. To page 15, relative to the Obituary of Rev. D. E. Fox.
6. To page 16, in reference to the visitation of vacant churches.
7. To page 17, relative to the case of Thomas Fry.
8. Same page, concerning delegate to Holston Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. EFIRD,
W. A. HOOK,
M. L. HOFFMAN.

The following action was taken upon the subjects referred to in the above report.

Item 1. The By-Laws and Rules of Order have been transcribed into the Synod's book.

Item 2. The Commissioner to General Synod attended to the duties of his appointment, but his travelling expenses have not been paid. It was therefore

VIII. *Resolved*, That his expenses, ($28,) be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

Item 3. The form of Licensure has been transcribed into Synod's book.

Item 4. Upon inquiry it was found that the new Synod contemplated in Virginia has not been formed.

Item 5. The obituary of Rev. D. E. Fox has been published.

Item 6. Vacant Churches have been visited occasionally.

Item 7. The resolution in the case of Thomas Fry has been complied with.

Item 8. Rev. L. A. Fox and Rev. C. Moretz both failed to attend the meeting of the Holston Synod. See Res. 4, page 6.

The Committee upon the President's Report returned that document with their report upon it.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Beloved Brethren:—Another Synodical year has passed away, and through the merciful kindness of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to assemble once more in Synodical convention, to take counsel together respecting the best interests of that portion of the Church over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers.

The return of these annual meetings bring pleasure to our hearts and refreshment to our souls. With humble gratitude we should acknowledge our indebtedness to God for the consolation and grace which he giveth us so richly enjoy; for the unseen hand of His providence which has kept us in the way of peace; and for the Holy Spirit that guides us in our counsels and prayers, in devising means for the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Zion.

The reflections awakened by these annual gatherings of the servants of Christ, often fill the mind with mingled emotions of both pleasing and painful memories of the past, and of joyful and apprehensive anticipations of the future. We should remember that one great object of our meeting, among others, is mutual edification and improvement. What any one has gained or learned in the school of Christ, or in his toils in the vineyard of the Lord, may be here imparted to others, to strengthen, encourage and establish his brethren in the work of Faith and labors of Love.

The past year brought its mercies as well as its chastisements. Not more perhaps, than the usual amount of affliction has been endured within the bounds of our churches. Our people generally have been blessed with reasonable health; the lives of all our Ministers have been spared; the fruits of land, though less abundant in some places than in previous years, afford a competency for our sustenance, and the financial condition of the country seems to be improving. These, and all other mercies, should fill our hearts with gratitude and praise, while our chastisements should humble us and lead us to beseech our Heavenly Father to forgive our past short-comings and afford us the guidance of His Holy Spirit in the future.

I have but a short account of official acts to report.

Soon after the adjournment of last Synod, I granted license to Rev. D. S. Henkel to preach until the present meeting.

Under date of May 22d, 1867, I received a letter from Rev. J. M. Wagner, asking for an honorable dismissal from this Synod with a view of uniting with the Evangelical Holston Synod, and as Bro. Wagner now resides within the bounds of that Synod, I directed the desired document to his address.

On the 12th day of June last, I received a letter from Rev. H. Wetzel, implying a desire that his name be stricken from the Clerical roll of our Synod, with a view of uniting with some Lutheran Synod sound in the faith. The time of the meeting of our Synod being near at hand, I did not comply with his implied request, with a view of presenting the case to Synod; and I herewith submit to you his communication to me with my answers to him, in reference to the matter, and suggest to Synod the propriety of taking special notice of the same.

I have no special subjects of interest to report, except the case of our brethren in Virginia, who at last Synod, obtained permission to form a new Synod in that State. This matter, I presume, will come up as unfinished business. I have received nothing official from them. I think it proper that Synod should ascertain as soon as practicable, whether or not they have succeeded in forming their Synod, and what course is contemplated by them in future.

In conclusion, brethren of the Clergy and Laity, we have met to deliberate upon subjects connected with the best interests of our beloved Zion. Questions of importance may be presented for consideration, in all of which we should seek wisdom from above, that our counsels may be rightly guided, and result in the temporal and spiritual good of the Church.

Let us remember the Apostolic injunction: "Be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Having endeavored to discharge the duties of an office so kindly imposed on me, I now return to your hands the sacred trust, praying the Great Head of the Church to direct you in the choice of a presiding officer, and preserve peace and harmony in all your deliberations. Amen.

A. EFIRD.

Report of Committee upon President's Report.

We, the Committee upon President's Report, after having examined that document recommend that the action of the President in granting a letter of honorable dismission to Bro. Wagner from this to the Holston Synod, be confirmed.

Respecting the case of Rev. H. Wetzel, as reported by the President, your Committee suggest to Synod to take such action as may seem necessary, after having carefully considered the same.

The above are the only items in the document before us, that we consider necessary to receive the further attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON.
DAVID BOOKMAN,
D. M. WYONT.

IX. It was *Resolved*, That the action of the President of Synod, in granting a letter of honorable dismission to Rev. J. M. Wagner, is hereby confirmed.

A Committee was appointed to report to Synod upon the case of Rev. H. Wetzel.

10th. *Committee.*—Revs. A. J. Fox, D. Efird and Mr. Daniel Drafts.

The following report af Committee upon the State of the Church was received and adopted:

REPORT.

From the very limited amount of information in our possession relative to the State of the Church in the different sections of the extended territory occupied by this Synod, your Committee regret their inability to present a more satisfactory report. Of the state of religion in the congregations within the State of Virginia we know nothing. While some of the pastoral charges in North Carolina are in a somewhat prosperous condition, others are languishing. Some of the charges are vacant, and one, the Davidson charge, is entirely unsupplied except by occasional visits. The congregations in Cabarrus, Stanly, Union, Mecklenburg, Randolph and Guilford counties, are temporarily supplied.

All the congregations in North Carolina have suffered much by the terrible conflict through which the country has passed—some by the loss of members, others by alienation among the members caused by the course each felt it to be his duty to pursue during the war. The impoverished condition of the country also tends to prevent a speedy return of the former prosperity of the Church. Most, if not all, of the ministers find themselves under the necessity of engaging in secular pursuits in order to obtain for themselves and families the necessaries and some of the conveniences of life. All these things have a very depressing influence upon the prosperity of the Church. Yet your Committee are happy to know that none of the watchmen have entirely abandoned their posts, and the long night of sorrow and trouble is slowly passing away, and there are encouraging signs of improvement.

The condition of the charges in South Carolina is not materially different from that of those in North Carolina. The brothers Efird stand faithfully to their posts, and their labors are blessed. The building in which we are assembled is a monument of the liberality of the members of this congregation. They had the misfortune to have their house of worship burned about the close of the war, but have, in a comparatively short time, and with commendable liberality, erected this temple which they contemplate dedicating to the service of God during this meeting. The word has been preached, and has not returned void. The church has been edified and believers added to the Lord.

From the signs of improvement, which we deem unnecessary to detail minutely, we should take courage to labor and pray for the prosperity of Zion.

Your Committee would be glad to have it in their power to make some suggestions to Synod, by which the vacant charges might be supplied with regular postoral services. But in consequence of the scarcity of ministers, we can conceive of no plan to supply them at present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
T. CROUSE.
D. S. HENKEL.

The Committee to which had been referred the Report of Commissioner to the General Synod, returned that document with their report upon the same.

Report of Commissioner to the General Synod.

Inasmuch as the last meeting of this Synod appointed me Commissioner to meet and confer with the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, and required me to prepare and submit to this session of Synod, a report of the result of my attendance upon its meeting in 1867. Having complied with my appointment, I would submit the following:

The Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, convened this year in the City of Staunton, Va., on the 23rd day of May, but, owing to a failure to make the necessary Railroad connection at Richmond, I was not able to appear before the Synod until the second day of its meeting. When I arrived, I immediately presented my credentials, accompanied with a copy of our Minutes containing my instructions, &c., and by a unanimous vote of Synod was received as a commissioner from the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and a committee, composed of Rev. Messrs. A. R. Rude, T. W. Dosh and Rev. Dr. D. T. Bittle, was appointed to meet and confer with me concerning our Synod, our object, &c., &c.—At 5 o'clock of the same day, I met the majority of the Committee, and was permitted to make a full statement of the history and animus of the Synod I had the honor to represent. After a very friendly and pleasant interview I retired. On the succeeding morning, immediately after the Synod went into session, a report favorable to receiving our Synod into their connection, upon the conditions we propose, was submitted, signed by all the members of the Committee. The adoption of this report was warmly advocated by several of the ablest men in Synod, and that without any opposition. I then, by permission of Synod, made a full and clear statement of the uniformly symbolical character of our Synod, from its origin, and insisted that as we, for forty-seven years, have stood firmly upon the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, that we will not yield an item of these doctrines for the sake of union or any thing else. That for the sake of preserving these doctrines, we can never consent to any thing that could in the least impair the literature of our Church, and therefore we make the demand for a pledge from the General Synod, as a condition of union, that this shall never be done by her consent or order. I further stated that unless the report of the Committee was so amended as to embrace the entire collection of the Symbolical writings of the Lutheran Church, that I felt certain that our Synod would not unite with the General Synod. I assigned as a reason for making this demand, that as it is evident that there is an unsymbolic element in the General Synod, that might in the course of time, obtain the ascendancy, corrupt our literature, and thus destroy what we have so long and sacredly maintained. Some allusion was also made to our former difficulties, which I hoped to see buried never to be revived again. These remarks drew some rather bitter words from one individual, who seemed to suppose that the lapse of years had produced no change whatever, and that all things remained as they were, thirty or forty years ago. He said nothing about doctrines but only old local strifes. He was so completely silenced by the remarks of other members that he not only said nothing more, but afterwards actually favored our reception.

After some additional statements from me, the Committee submitted several amendments to their Report, which seem to me to completely cover

the ground, the most scrupulous of our members demand. This discussion occupied the entire forenoon session. During the recess I preached a sermon, in which I took occasion to defend our view of the Eucharist. When the Synod assembled in the afternoon, the Report of the Committee was adopted with but one dissenting vote, and I learned that was by a lay-member of the South-western Synod of Virginia. I then asked for a certified copy of the Report of the Committee, which was furnished me, and which I herewith lay before you. The following is a transcript of the above altered Report.

"The Committee appointed to confer with the Rev. Dr. Fox as a Commissioner from the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, have advised with him in reference to a union of that Synod with this body.

"We, with pleasure, report that the interview afforded us satisfactory evidence of the truly christian character of the Synod which Dr. Fox represents, and the high principles of integrity and church love which animates them in the propositions made to this General Synod. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will cordially receive said Synod as an integral part of this body on the truly Lutheran basis which we have adopted, and in accordance with which we feel bound as an ecclesiastical body to withhold our sanction or *imprimatur* from any religious publication of whatever form, which shall inculcate principles opposed to the doctrines of the Angsburg Confession as construed and defended by our Church in her Symbolical writings.

Resolved, That we feel ourselves in like manner bound to appoint or employ no Professor in our Theological schools who shall teach doctrines at variance with our time honored Confession.

A. R. RUDE.
D. F. BITTLE,
T. W. DOSH."

During the time I remained at Staunton, I mingled freely with the members of the General Synod, representing the five Synods of which it was composed, and also with several ministers of the two Synods of Virginia, who were in attendance as visitors. I took occasion as convenience afforded to discuss those doctrines and usages concerning which we formerly differed. I found no one who took issue with me, and all our intercourse was of the most fraternal character.

I have no hesitancy in saying, that I believe the great majority of those I had the pleasure of meeting, are strictly Symbolical in their doctrinal views. I was brought to this opinion by hearing the different members engage in discussing questions of a strictly Symbolic character, but in no instance was there the slightest intimation of an unwillingness to entertain all the doctrines of our Confessions. Many of them, both publicly and privately, advocated and defended the Symbolic doctrines and usages of the Church. In the lengthy discussion in regard to the admission of our Synod into the General Synod, there was not a word of exception taken to our doctrinal position. Nor, indeed, did any one seem to think that our demands for the protection of a pure Symbolic Church literature were more than should be granted to us, but on the contrary, some able arguments were produced to show that they should be granted.

The most conclusive evidences, though, were the adoption of the above Report of the Committee upon the Tennessee Synod, and the unanimous vote of the General Synod ordering the publication of the able Synodical

sermon preached by the former President, Rev T. W. Dosh. His sermon I had the pleasure of hearing, and I presume most of you have seen it, as it appeared in the Church papers. I will however herewith submit a copy of it to Synod for examination. It is confessedly an open defense of the Augsburg Confession against the aspersions of all its enemies, and also an indirect defense of the other Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church.—His sermon was heard by all the members of Synod, and the vote to publish is a clear evidence that all who voted for it approve its sentiments.—This is more evident from the fact, that there was not the slightest opposition or exception made when the motion for publication was before Synod.

I also submit a copy of the Constitution of the General Synod for the inspection of Synod.

Every service in the church, with one exception, and that was by an unliturgical member of the old General Synod of the U. S. A., who for two days was in attendance upon Synod, and was permitted to preach, was conducted liturgically. Preparatory to the Lord's Supper, confession and absolution were solemnized, and the Sacrament administered in our own form.

The visit to the General Synod was very pleasant, and I must say, very profitable to myself; and I feel confident has done much to remove old prejudices against us, and to excite good feeling towards our own Synod—and I trust the project of uniting our Synod with the General Synod, will be carefully, candidly and prayerfully considered by our Synod; and may the day speedily arrive, when all true Lutheran Synods in this country, may stand united upon the great Confessions of the 16th century.

September 19th, 1867. A. J. FOX.

Report of Committee upon above Report.

Inasmuch as the question of a union between this body and the General Synod in North America is one of very grave importance, and should be well and maturely considered, your Committee upon the Report of the Commissioner to the General Synod have examined the matter in all its bearings; and inasmuch as but a very small number of our ministers are present, and comparatively few congregations represented in this meeting; and inasmuch as our brethren residing in Virginia may fail to effect an organization in that State, we would therefore recommend that a Committee of five, three ministers, of whom the President shall be one, and two lay men, be appointed to collect all the facts they can in relation to this contemplated union and report them to the next annual meeting of Synod, that decisive action may then be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

A. EFIRD,
J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. FOX,

The foregoing report was adopted, and the following Committee appointed:

11*th Committee.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox and Messrs. A. Costner and M. L. Cline.

Upon motion, Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.—Prayer by Rev. D. Efird.

Fourth Session.

SATURDAY, September 21st, 9 O'clock.

Synod again assembled and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. S. Henkel.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. M. Derrick, of the South Carolina Synod, and Revs. H. H. Spann and W. B. Manus, of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced to Synod and received as advisory members.

The Report of the Committee upon the case of Rev. H. Wetzel was adopted, as follows:

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to examine and report upon the case of Rev. H. Wetzel, referred to this Synod, have examined and carefully considered all the papers placed in our hands, and would submit the following report:

Whereas. Rev. H. Wetzel addressed a letter to the President of this Synod, asking for an honorable dismission from this body to the contemplated Concordia Synod, and if that should fail to effect a permanent organization, to "*some other Synod sound in the faith*"; and *whereas*, there was at the last session of this Synod a resolution adopted, authorizing the President to grant letters of honorable dismission to all our brethren in the State of Virginia, who might unite themselves into a new Synod, so soon as he should be officially informed that such an organization had been effected; and *whereas*, he had received no such official information, the President declined granting the request of Bro. Wetzel, and referred the matter to this Synod, therefore,

X. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as this Synod has no official information that a new Synod has been formed as contemplated by her action at her last session, and inasmuch as Bro. Wetzel has not named any Synod to which he desires, in the event such new Synod fail to make a permanent organization, to be dismissed, this Synod cannot consistently grant a letter of honorable dismission to any brother, until he designates the Synod to which he desires to be transferred.

XI. *Resolved*, That as soon as the President of this Synod shall have received a communication from Bro. Wetzel, stating to what Synod he desires to be transferred, in case the Synod to be called the Concordia Synod is not formed, he shall furnish him a letter of honorable dismission from this Synod.

XII. *Resolved*, That the President furnish Bro. Wetzel with a copy of this report as soon as possible.

D. EFIRD,
A. J. FOX,
D. DRAFTS.

Rev. A. W. Lindler, of the South Carolina Synod, was received as an advisory member of Synod.

The Committee upon Minutes of Sister Synods submitted the following Report:

We, the Committee appointed to report upon the Minutes of Sister Synods, beg leave to submit the following:

The only document that has come into our hands is a copy of the Minutes of the Synod and Ministerium of South Carolina and adjacent States. These Minutes contain nothing requiring action from this body. They report 25 ordained ministers, 41 congregations, 4135 communicants and 25 Sunday Schools. Respectfully submitted,

A. EFIRD.
D. S. HENKEL,

The following Report of the Committee on Examination was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination do report that we have examined the sermon and diary of Bro. D. S. Henkel. His diary has been well kept and gives evidence that Bro. Henkel has been diligently engaged in his Master's work, but the sermon was not such as was contemplated by Synod.*—Your Committee recommend that his license be continued.

We have also examined Bro. M. L. Fox as to his Theological attainments, and are well satisfied with the progress he has made in his studies, and recommend him to Synod for licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
A. EFIRD,
D. EFIRD.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN.

XIII. *Resolved*, That we approve the doctrinal position of the Evangelical Lutheran published in Charlotte, N. C., and recommend its circulation among the people of our congregations.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Feeling the great necessity of making suitable religious impressions upon the minds of the children of our congregations; therefore,

XIV. *Resolved*, That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday Schools in all their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

PAROCHIAL TABLE.

Whereas, Our Parochial Table is considered imperfect; therefore,

XV. *Resolved*, That a Committee of two ministers be appointed to prepare a new Table and submit it to the next meeting of this Synod.

12*th Committee.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson and T. Moser.

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* The Committee considered Bro. Henkel unfortunate in the selection of his subject. The style and arrangement of his sermon were entirely satisfactory.—CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

THANKS.

XVI. *Resolved*, That we tender our most heartfelt thanks to the kind people of this congregation for the many acts of kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay with them, and that the President read this resolution at the beginning of the second service on Sunday.

XVII. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the Choir of this Church for their very acceptable and pleasing performances in leading Divine worship, during the present meeting.

MINISTERIAL ROLL.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Roll of all the Ministers who have been connected with this Synod since its organization, and report to our next annual meeting.

13*th Committee.*—Revs. T. Moser and J. M. Smith.

During a recess of the Synod, a dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. A. J. Fox, from Gen. 28 : 17 ; after which the church in which Synod assembled was set apart to the worship of Almighty God, with appropriate ceremonies by the Pastor, assisted by Rev. A. J. Fox.

After refreshment, a sermon was preached by Prof. Smettzer, from Jer. 8 : 22.

Fifth Session.

SATURDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

Synod met and resumed business.

At this stage of our proceedings, a letter was received from Rev. J. M. Wagner, who had been appointed to represent the Holston Synod in this meeting, as corresponding Delegate. Bro. Wagner expresses to this meeting the fraternal feeling of the Synod he represents, for this body.

Also a letter was received from Rev. C. Moretz, containing his excuse for absence from this meeting, and also some suggestions to Synod.

XIX. It was *Resolved*, That the absence of Bro. Moretz be excused.

The following resolution of instruction to the Committee on the State of the Church was adopted:

XX. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort during the Synodical year to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the ceremony of granting license to Bro. M. L. Fox be performed immediately before the beginning of public worship on Sunday morning,

XXII. *Resolved*, That our Minutes be published as usual, and that a duplicate copy be sent to the General Synod of N. A., and one copy to each of the District Synods.

The labors of the present convention being finished, the congregation united with the President in prayer, and the Synod was adjourned to meet at the time and place before determined.

J. R. PETERSON, Secretary of Synod.

Services of the Sabbath.

On Sunday morning a very large congregation assembled at the Church, and the exercises of public worship were introduced with a sermon on the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, from I Cor. 10:16, by Rev. J. R. Peterson. Confession and absolution were then solemnized according to the usage of the Church, and the Holy Supper administered to a large number of communicants.

In the evening a sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. Smettzer, from Ezek. 37:1–10. The exercises of the day were concluded with the Apostolic benediction.

Parochial Reports.

PASTORS.	Congregations	Communicants	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Baptisms. Colored	Confirmations	Burials
1. Rev. A. Henkel,*							
2. " H. Goodman,*							
3. " C. G. Reitzel,*							
4. " J. Killian,*							
5. " J. R. Moser,*							
6. " J. Stirewalt,*							
7. " A. J. Fox,	6	800	41	3		52	8
8. " H. Wetzel,*							
9. " P. C. Henkel,	5	815	60	2		38	
10. " J. R. Peterson,	3	210	17				2
11. " T. Moser,*							
12. " G. Schmucker,*							
13. " A. Efird,	5	490	41			38	13
14. " T. Crouse,*							
15. " S. Henkel,*							
16. " D. Efird,	4		52			44	
17. " C. Moretz,	4	126	20	4		2	
18. " J. E. Seneker,*							
19. " J. M. Smith,	4	575	60	2		40	11
20. " M. J. Stirewalt,*							
21. " E. E. Smyre,*							
22. " I. Condor,*							
23. " L. A. Fox,	2	185	24	3		15	2
24. " D. S. Henkel,	3	175	15			28	

* No report.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNOD.

Rev. A. J. Fox's	charge, January 12, 1868,	$13 05
" P. C. Henkel's	"	2 20
" J. R. Peterson's	"	5 20

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Minutes.

In obedience to a resolution of the last meeting of Synod, the Ministers and Lay-Delegates composing the Forty Seventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod assembled in Cedar Grove Church, Lexington District, South Carolina, on Thursday, the 19th of September, A. D., 1867, and the opening Sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Fox, from Acts 16:17.

After a short intermission, the members of Synod reassembled in the Church and the first session was opened with singing and prayer by the President. The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. R. Peterson was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The Clerical roll was called and the absentees noted.

Clerical Roll.

1	Rev. A. Henkel,*	New Market, Virginia.
2	" H. Goodman,†	Statesville, North Carolina.
3	" C. G. Reitzel,*	Newton, "
4	" J. Killian,*	Waynesboro, Virginia.
5	" J. R. Moser,*	Cold Water, Missouri.
6	" J. Stirewalt,*	New Market, Virginia.
7	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, North Carolina.
8	" H Wetzel,*	Woodstock, Virginia.
9	" P. C. Henkel,†	Newton, North Carolina.
10	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, "
11	" T. Moser,†	Concord, "
12	" G. Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Virginia.
13	" A. Efird,	Lexington, South Carolina.
14	" Prof. J. M. Wagner,‡	Madisonville, Tennessee.
15	" T. Crouse,†	Sandy Creek, North Carolina.
16	" S. Henkel,*	New Market, Virginia.
17	" D. Efird,	Frog Level, South Carolina.
18	" C. Moretz,*	Boone, North Carolina.
19	" J. E. Seneker,*	Waynesboro, Virginia.
20	" J. M. Smith,†	Catawba Station, North Carolina.
21	" M. J. Stirewalt,*	Augusta Station, Indiana.
22	" Prof. E. E. Smyer,†	Madisonville, Tennessee.
23	" I. Condor,†	Harrisonburg, Virginia.
24	" L. A. Fox,*	Salem, Roanoke county, Virginia.

* Absent and excused. † Absent and not excused. ‡ Dismissed to Holston Synod.

Licentiates.

25	Rev. D. S. Henkel,	China Grove, North Carolina.
26	" M. L. Fox,‡	Sandy Creek, "

Lay-Delegates.

Mr. Daniel Drafts,	Cedar Grove.
" G. J. Hook,	St. Paul's.
" John Snyder,	St. Peter's or Meetze's.
" W. A. Hook,	Zion's.
" Jefferson Sox,	Emanuel's.
Capt. J. H. Coon,	St. Peter's or Piney Wood's.
" U. B. Whites,	St. Jacob's.
Mr. Samuel Shealey,	St. John's.
" David Bookman,	Bethlehem.
" E. H. Miller,	Mt. Moriah.
Dr. M. L. Fox,	Melanchton's.
Mr. D. M. Wyont,	Trinity, Grace, Sardis, Daniel's, Bethphage, Salem and St. Mark's.
" W. A. Mauney,	St. Luke's.
" M. L. Hoffman,	Lutheran Chapel and Christ's.

The President read his Report as his last official act, and announced the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted in the choice of

Rev. A. J. FOX. President, Rev. D. EFIRD, Cor. Secretary.
" J. R PETERSON, Rec. Sec., " D. S. HENKEL, Treasurer.

‡ Licensed at this meeting.

Revs. Prof. J. P. Smettzer and J. H. Bailey, of South Carolina, being present, were invited to seats as advisory members of Synod.

Upon motion, the reading of the Minutes of last Synod was dispensed with.

The papers and documents intended for Synod were called for and the following Committees appointed:

1.—*On President's Report*—Rev. J. R. Peterson and Messrs. David Bookman and D. M. Wyont.

2.—*On Unfinished Business*—Rev. D. Efird and Messrs. M. L. Hoffman and W. A. Hook.

3.—*On Examination of Candidates*—Revs. A. Efird, J. R. Peterson and D. Efird.

4.—*On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. D. S. Henkel, A. Efird and Mr. J. H. Coon.

5.—*On Treasurer's Report*—Rev. D. Efird, Mr. G. J. Hook and Dr. M. L. Fox.

6.—*On Minutes of Sister Synods*—Revs. A. Efird, D. S. Henkel and Mr. M. L. Hoffman.

7.—*On State of the Church*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, D. S Henkel and Dr. M. L. Fox.

The Report of the Commissioner to the General Synod was received and referred to the following Committee for report:

8.—*Committee*—Revs. A. Efird, J. R. Peterson and Dr. M. L. Fox.

Upon motion, it was I. *Resolved*, That the members of this Synod living in the State of Virginia, and, who last year obtained the consent of the Synod to form a new organization in that State, be excused for not attending this meeting.

No satisfactory reasons having been received for the absence from this meeting of Revs. H. Goodman, C. G. Reitzel, P. C. Henkel, J. M. Smith, C. Moretz, E. E. Smyer and I. Condor, it was

II. *Resolved*, That they be not excused.

In consideration of the great distance from this place of meeting at which Revs. J. R. Moser and M. J Stirewalt reside, it was.

III. *Resolved*, That they be excused for non-attendance.

Upon motion, Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.—Prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

Second Session.

FRIDAY, September 20th, 9 O'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Prof. Smettzer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions handed in the following Report which was acted upon by items.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to report upon Letters and Petitions beg leave to submit the following:

CLASS I —No. 1 is a letter from Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, in which he states as a reason for his non-attendance, the great distance at which he is located. His sympathies are still with us and he kindly asks Synod to excuse his absence. He contemplates, at an early day, praying Synod for a dismission with a view of uniting with the English District Synod of Ohio.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. L. A. Fox, in which he assigns his return to College as a reason for his absence from this meeting, and asks to be excused. He also asks to be excused for not attending the Holston Synod. His reason is that he was engaged in reviewing his literary course. Bro.

Fox also directs our attention to the subject of Church Discipline. He desires Synod to give the subject a full and impartial investigation. He also expresses a hope that at an early day the entire Lutheran Church may become united upon one common basis; but for the present he thinks a union not practicable. He hopes to be with us at our next meeting of Synod.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, in which he offers as an excuse for his absence. an anticipated visit to the West, yet this Fall. He doubts the propriety of uniting with the General Synod at this time, and urges the necessity of careful action upon the subject.

Class II.—Nos. 1 and 2 are memorials from Mt. Moriah and Phanuel's churches, expressing satisfaction with the pastoral services of Rev. D. S. Henkel, and praying for a continuation of his services with them.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Martin's church, Stanly county, N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of their present minister Rev. D. S. Henkel, and also that his services be continued with them.

No. 4 is a petition from Salem church, Lincoln county, N. C., praying that the next meeting of Synod be held at that church.

No. 5 is a petition from Sardis church, Catawba county, N. C., praying to be received into this Synod.

No. 6 is a petition from Melanchton's church, Randolph county, N. C., praying for ministerial services, and also that the next Synod be held in their church.

No. 7 is a memorial from the Southern Conference of this Synod in which the memorialists call the attention of Synod to the subject of Church Discipline, as regards the proper person for exercising it. They state that after a careful investigation, they have concluded that the former practice of congregations has been wrong. They petition Synod to investigate the subject and furnish congregations with some uniform system of Church Discipline.

We, your Committee, recommend that the letters of Revs. Smith and Fox, and also the memorial of the Southern Conference be read in open Synod. Respectfully submitted,

D. S. HENKEL,
A. EFIRD,
J. H. COON.

In reference to No. 1, Class I, see resolution 3d, p. 4th.

With regard to the absence of Bro. L. A. Fox and also his non-attendance upon the Holston Synod, it was

IV. *Resolved*, That he be excused.

Further action upon item 2d was postponed until the matter it contains be brought up in its proper connection.

In regard to No. 3, see Resolution I, p. 3.

At this stage of our proceedings, Rev. E. Caughman of the South Carolina Synod, was introduced to Synod and invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Class II, Nos. 1 and 2. No action necessary.

Relative to item 2, no action could be had—Bro. Henkel declining to submit to examination with a view to ordination.

Upon Nos. 4 and 5, it was

V. *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet again in Salem church, Lincoln county, N. C., at 10 o'clock, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday of September, A. D., 1868.

In answer to petition No. 5, it was

VI. *Resolved*, That Sardis church be received into connection with this Synod.

The prayer for ministerial service, No. 6, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

In answer to petition, No. 7, it was

VII. *Resolved*, That a Committee consisting of three ministers, of whom the President shall be one, and two lay-men, be appointed to consider the subject of the memorial from the Southern Conference and report to the next meeting of Synod.

IX. *Committee.*—Revs. T. *M*oser, P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox and *M*essrs. A. Costner and *M*. L. Cline.

Upon motion, Rev. Prof. Smettzer was invited to address the Synod and congregation present, upon the interests of Newberry College and Theological Seminary, over whose interests he presides as President and Professor.

Synod took a recess until after public worship. Sermon by Rev. D. S. Henkel. Text, I Kings, 6 : 7.

Third Session.

FRIDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

Synod again met, and Prof. Smettzer proceeded to deliver his address.—At the conclusion of the address the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

VIII. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the Address of Prof. Smettzer, in regard to the interests of Newberry College and the Theological Seminary of the General Synod in North America, and, although we are not immediately interested in those Institutions, we promise as far as we are able to encourage those excellent institutions of learning.

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report returned the same with their report upon it.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. M. Smith in account with the Tennessee Synod.

1866.			Dr.
October 25.	Received from Synod,	$83 60	
	Due Synod from Rev. J. R. Peterson, M.	2 60	
			86 20
1866.			Cr.
December.	E. B. Drake & Son, Printing Minutes,	$40 00	
	Postage, Freight, &c.,	3 25	
			43 25
	Balance in hand,		$42 95

Respectfully submitted, J. M. SMITH.

We, the Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Report, have examined the same and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

D. EFIRD.
M. L. FOX,
G. J. HOOK.

The Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was received and acted upon by items.

REPORT.

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business of last Synod, beg leave to refer,

1. To page 8 of Minutes, on transcribing By-Laws and Rules of Order.
2. To page 10, relating to Commissioner to the General Synod, and also to his travelling expenses.
3. To page 11, concerning the transcribing of form of Licensure.
4. To page 13, relative to the contemplated new Synod in Virginia.
5. To page 15, relative to the Obituary of Rev. D. E. Fox.
6. To page 16, in reference to the visitation of vacant churches.
7. To page 17, relative to the case of Thomas Fry.
8. Same page, concerning delegate to Holston Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

D. EFIRD,
W. A. HOOK,
M. L. HOFFMAN.

The following action was taken upon the subjects referred to in the above report.

Item 1. The By-Laws and Rules of Order have been transcribed into the Synod's book.

Item 2. The Commissioner to General Synod attended to the duties of his appointment, but his travelling expenses have not been paid. It was therefore

VIII. *Resolved*, That his expenses, ($28,) be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

Item 3. The form of Licensure has been transcribed into Synod's book.

Item 4. Upon inquiry it was found that the new Synod contemplated in Virginia has not been formed.

Item 5. The obituary of Rev. D. E. Fox has been published.

Item 6. Vacant Churches have been visited occasionally.

Item 7. The resolution in the case of Thomas Fry has been complied with.

Item 8. Rev. L. A. Fox and Rev. C. Moretz both failed to attend the meeting of the Holston Synod. See Res. 4, page 6.

The Committee upon the President's Report returned that document with their report upon it.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Beloved Brethren:—Another Synodical year has passed away, and through the merciful kindness of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted to assemble once more in Synodical convention, to take counsel together respecting the best interests of that portion of the Church over which the Holy Ghost hath made us overseers.

The return of these annual meetings bring pleasure to our hearts and refreshment to our souls. With humble gratitude we should acknowledge our indebtedness to God for the consolation and grace which he giveth us so richly enjoy; for the unseen hand of His providence which has kept us in the way of peace; and for the Holy Spirit that guides us in our counsels and prayers, in devising means for the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Zion.

The reflections awakened by these annual gatherings of the servants of Christ, often fill the mind with mingled emotions of both pleasing and painful memories of the past, and of joyful and apprehensive anticipations of the future. We should remember that one great object of our meeting, among others, is mutual edification and improvement. What any one has gained or learned in the school of Christ, or in his toils in the vineyard of the Lord, may be here imparted to others, to strengthen, encourage and establish his brethren in the work of Faith and labors of Love.

The past year brought its mercies as well as its chastisements. Not more perhaps, than the usual amount of affliction has been endured within the bounds of our churches. Our people generally have been blessed with reasonable health; the lives of all our Ministers have been spared; the fruits of land, though less abundant in some places than in previous years, afford a competency for our sustenance, and the financial condition of the country seems to be improving. These, and all other mercies, should fill our hearts with gratitude and praise, while our chastisements should humble us and lead us to beseech our Heavenly Father to forgive our past short-comings and afford us the guidance of His Holy Spirit in the future.

I have but a short account of official acts to report.

Soon after the adjournment of last Synod, I granted license to Rev. D. S. Henkel to preach until the present meeting.

Under date of May 22d, 1867, I received a letter from Rev. J. M. Wagner, asking for an honorable dismissal from this Synod with a view of uniting with the Evangelical Holston Synod, and as Bro. Wagner now resides within the bounds of that Synod, I directed the desired document to his address.

On the 12th day of June last, I received a letter from Rev. H. Wetzel, implying a desire that his name be stricken from the Clerical roll of our Synod, with a view of uniting with some Lutheran Synod sound in the faith. The time of the meeting of our Synod being near at hand, I did not comply with his implied request, with a view of presenting the case to Synod; and I herewith submit to you his communication to me with my answers to him, in reference to the matter, and suggest to Synod the propriety of taking special notice of the same.

I have no special subjects of interest to report, except the case of our brethren in Virginia, who at last Synod, obtained permission to form a new Synod in that State. This matter, I presume, will come up as unfinished business. I have received nothing official from them. I think it proper that Synod should ascertain as soon as practicable, whether or not they have succeeded in forming their Synod, and what course is contemplated by them in future.

In conclusion, brethren of the Clergy and Laity, we have met to deliberate upon subjects connected with the best interests of our beloved Zion. Questions of importance may be presented for consideration, in all of which we should seek wisdom from above. that our counsels may be rightly guided, and result in the temporal and spiritual good of the Church.

Let us remember the Apostolic injunction: "Be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Having endeavored to discharge the duties of an office so kindly imposed on me, I now return to your hands the sacred trust, praying the Great Head of the Church to direct you in the choice of a presiding officer, and preserve peace and harmony in all your deliberations. Amen.

A. EFIRD.

Report of Committee upon President's Report.

We, the Committee upon President's Report, after having examined that document recommend that the action of the President in granting a letter of honorable dismission to Bro. Wagner from this to the Holston Synod, be confirmed.

Respecting the case of Rev. H. Wetzel, as reported by the President, your Committee suggest to Synod to take such action as may seem necessary, after having carefully considered the same.

The above are the only items in the document before us, that we consider necessary to receive the further attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
DAVID BOOKMAN,
D. M. WYONT.

IX. It was *Resolved*, That the action of the President of Synod, in granting a letter of honorable dismission to Rev. J. M. Wagner, is hereby confirmed.

A Committee was appointed to report to Synod upon the case of Rev. H. Wetzel.

10th. *Committee.*—Revs. A. J. Fox, D. Efird and Mr. Daniel Drafts.

The following report af Committee upon the State of the Church was received and adopted:

REPORT.

From the very limited amount of information in our possession relative to the State of the Church in the different sections of the extended territory occupied by this Synod, your Committee regret their inability to present a more satisfactory report. Of the state of religion in the congregations within the State of Virginia we know nothing. While some of the pastoral charges in North Carolina are in a somewhat prosperous condition, others are languishing. Some of the charges are vacant, and one, the Davidson charge, is entirely unsupplied except by occasional visits. The congregations in Cabarrus, Stanly, Union, Mecklenburg, Randolph and Guilford counties, are temporarily supplied.

All the congregations in North Carolina have suffered much by the terrible conflict through which the country has passed—some by the loss of members, others by alienation among the members, caused by the course each felt it to be his duty to pursue during the war. The impoverished condition of the country also tends to prevent a speedy return of the former prosperity of the Church. Most, if not all, of the ministers find themselves under the necessity of engaging in secular pursuits in order to obtain for themselves and families the necessaries and some of the conveniences of life. All these things have a very depressing influence upon the prosperity of the Church. Yet your Committee are happy to know that none of the watchmen have entirely abandoned their posts, and the long night of sorrow and trouble is slowly passing away, and there are encouraging signs of improvement.

The condition of the charges in South Carolina is not materially different from that of those in North Carolina. The brothers Efird stand faithfully to their posts, and their labors are blessed. The building in which we are assembled is a monument of the liberality of the members of this congregation. They had the misfortune to have their house of worship burned about the close of the war, but have, in a comparatively short time, and with commendable liberality, erected this temple which they contemplate dedicating to the service of God during this meeting. The word has been preached, and has not returned void. The church has been edified and believers added to the Lord.

From the signs of improvement, which we deem unnecessary to detail minutely, we should take courage to labor and pray for the prosperity of Zion.

Your Committee would be glad to have it in their power to make some suggestions to Synod, by which the vacant charges might be supplied with regular pastoral services. But in consequence of the scarcity of ministers, we can conceive of no plan to supply them at present.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
T. CROUSE.
D. S. HENKEL.

The Committee to which had been referred the Report of Commissioner to the General Synod, returned that document with their report upon the same.

Report of Commissioner to the General Synod.

Inasmuch as the last meeting of this Synod appointed me Commissioner to meet and confer with the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, and required me to prepare and submit to this session of Synod, a report of the result of my attendance upon its meeting in 1867. Having complied with my appointment, I would submit the following:

The Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, convened this year in the City of Staunton, Va., on the 23rd day of May, but, owing to a failure to make the necessary Railroad connection at Richmond, I was not able to appear before the Synod until the second day of its meeting. When I arrived, I immediately presented my credentials, accompanied with a copy of our Minutes containing my instructions, &c., and by a unanimous vote of Synod was received as a commissioner from the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and a committee, composed of Rev. Messrs. A. R. Rude, T. W. Dosh and Rev. Dr. D. T. Bittle, was appointed to meet and confer with me concerning our Synod, our object, &c., &c.—At 5 o'clock of the same day, I met the majority of the Committee, and was permitted to make a full statement of the history and animus of the Synod I had the honor to represent. After a very friendly and pleasant interview I retired. On the succeeding morning, immediately after the Synod went into session, a report favorable to receiving our Synod into their connection, upon the conditions we propose, was submitted, signed by all the members of the Committee. The adoption of this report was warmly advocated by several of the ablest men in Synod, and that without any opposition. I then, by permission of Synod, made a full and clear statement of the uniformly symbolical character of our Synod, from its origin, and insisted that as we, for forty-seven years, have stood firmly upon the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, that we will not yield an item of these doctrines for the sake of union or any thing else. That for the sake of preserving these doctrines, we can never consent to any thing that could in the least impair the literature of our Church, and therefore we make the demand for a pledge from the General Synod, as a condition of union, that this shall never be done by her consent or order. I further stated that unless the report of the Committee was so amended as to embrace the entire collection of the Symbolical writings of the Lutheran Church, that I felt certain that our Synod would not unite with the General Synod. I assigned as a reason for making this demand, that as it is evident that there is an unsymbolic element in the General Synod, that might in the course of time, obtain the ascendancy, corrupt our literature, and thus destroy what we have so long and sacredly maintained. Some allusion was also made to our former difficulties, which I hoped to see buried never to be revived again. These remarks drew some rather bitter words from one individual, who seemed to suppose that the lapse of years had produced no change whatever, and that all things remained as they were, thirty or forty years ago. He said nothing about doctrines but only old local strifes. He was so completely silenced by the remarks of other members that he not only said nothing more, but afterwards actually favored our reception.

After some additional statements from me, the Committee submitted several amendments to their Report, which seem to me to completely cover

the ground, the most scrupulous of our members demand. This discussion occupied the entire forenoon session. During the recess I preached a sermon, in which I took occasion to defend our view of the Eucharist. When the Synod assembled in the afternoon, the Report of the Committee was adopted with but one dissenting vote, and I learned that was by a lay-member of the South-western Synod of Virginia. I then asked for a certified copy of the Report of the Committee, which was furnished me, and which I herewith lay before you. The following is a transcript of the above altered Report.

"The Committee appointed to confer with the Rev. Dr. Fox as a Commissioner from the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, have advised with him in reference to a union of that Synod with this body.

"We, with pleasure, report that the interview afforded us satisfactory evidence of the truly christian character of the Synod which Dr. Fox represents, and the high principles of integrity and church love which animates them in the propositions made to this General Synod. Therefore,

Resolved. That we will cordially receive said Synod as an integral part of this body on the truly Lutheran basis which we have adopted, and in accordance with which we feel bound as an ecclesiastical body to withhold our sanction or *imprimatur* from any religious publication of whatever form, which shall inculcate principles opposed to the doctrines of the Augsburg Confession as construed and defended by our Church in her Symbolical writings.

Resolved, That we feel ourselves in like manner bound to appoint or employ no Professor in our Theological schools who shall teach doctrines at variance with our time honored Confession.

A. R. RUDE.
D. F. BITTLE,
T. W. DOSH."

During the time I remained at Staunton, I mingled freely with the members of the General Synod, representing the five Synods of which it was composed, and also with several ministers of the two Synods of Virginia, who were in attendance as visitors. I took occasion as convenience afforded to discuss those doctrines and usages concerning which we formerly differed. I found no one who took issue with me, and all our intercourse was of the most fraternal character.

I have no hesitancy in saying, that I believe the great majority of those I had the pleasure of meeting, are strictly Symbolical in their doctrinal views. I was brought to this opinion by hearing the different members engage in discussing questions of a strictly Symbolic character, but in no instance was there the slightest intimation of an unwillingness to entertain all the doctrines of our Confessions. Many of them, both publicly and privately, advocated and defended the Symbolic doctrines and usages of the Church. In the lengthy discussion in regard to the admission of our Synod into the General Synod, there was not a word of exception taken to our doctrinal position. Nor, indeed, did any one seem to think that our demands for the protection of a pure Symbolic Church literature were more than should be granted to us, but on the contrary, some able arguments were produced to show that they should be granted.

The most conclusive evidences, though, were the adoption of the above Report of the Committee upon the Tennessee Synod, and the unanimous vote of the General Synod ordering the publication of the able Synodical

sermon preached by the former President, Rev T. W. Dosh. His sermon I had the pleasure of hearing, and I presume most of you have seen it, as it appeared in the Church papers. I will however herewith submit a copy of it to Synod for examination. It is confessedly an open defense of the Augsburg Confession against the aspersions of all its enemies, and also an indirect defense of the other Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church.—His sermon was heard by all the members of Synod, and the vote to publish is a clear evidence that all who voted for it approve its sentiments.—This is more evident from the fact, that there was not the slightest opposition or exception made when the motion for publication was before Synod.

I also submit a copy of the Constitution of the General Synod for the inspection of Synod.

Every service in the church, with one exception, and that was by an unliturgical member of the old General Synod of the U. S. A., who for two days was in attendance upon Synod, and was permitted to preach, was conducted liturgically. Preparatory to the Lord's Supper, confession and absolution were solemnized, and the Sacrament administered in our own form.

The visit to the General Synod was very pleasant, and I must say, very profitable to myself; and I feel confident has done much to remove old prejudices against us, and to excite good feeling towards our own Synod—and I trust the project of uniting our Synod with the General Synod, will be carefully, candidly and prayerfully considered by our Synod; and may the day speedily arrive, when all true Lutheran Synods in this country, may stand united upon the great Confessions of the 16th century.

September 19th, 1867. A. J. FOX.

Report of Committee upon above Report.

Inasmuch as the question of a union between this body and the General Synod in North America is one of very grave importance, and should be well and maturely considered, your Committee upon the Report of the Commissioner to the General Synod have examined the matter in all its bearings; and inasmuch as but a very small number of our ministers are present, and comparatively few congregations represented in this meeting; and inasmuch as our brethren residing in Virginia may fail to effect an organization in that State, we would therefore recommend that a Committee of five, three ministers, of whom the President shall be one, and two lay men, be appointed to collect all the facts they can in relation to this contemplated union and report them to the next annual meeting of Synod, that decisive action may then be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

A. EFIRD,
J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. FOX,

The foregoing report was adopted, and the following Committee appointed:

11*th Committee.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox and Messrs. A. Costner and M. L. Cline.

Upon motion, Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.—Prayer by Rev. D. Efird.

Fourth Session.

SATURDAY, September 21st, 9 O'clock.

Synod again assembled and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. S. Henkel.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. M. Derrick, of the South Carolina Synod, and Revs. H. H. Spann and W. B. Manus, of the M. E. Church, South, were introduced to Synod and received as advisory members.

The Report of the Committee upon the case of Rev. H. Wetzel was adopted, as follows:

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to examine and report upon the case of Rev. H. Wetzel, referred to this Synod, have examined and carefully considered all the papers placed in our hands, and would submit the following report:

Whereas, Rev. H. Wetzel addressed a letter to the President of this Synod, asking for an honorable dismision from this body to the contemplated Concordia Synod, and if that should fail to effect a permanent organization, to "*some other Synod sound in the faith*"; and *whereas*, there was at the last session of this Synod a resolution adopted, authorizing the President to grant letters of honorable dismission to all our brethren in the State of Virginia, who might unite themselves into a new Synod, so soon as he should be officially informed that such an organization had been effected; and *whereas*, he had received no such official information, the President declined granting the request of Bro. Wetzel, and referred the matter to this Synod, therefore,

X. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as this Synod has no official information that a new Synod has been formed as contemplated by her action at her last session, and inasmuch as Bro. Wetzel has not named any Synod to which he desires, in the event such new Synod fail to make a permanent organization, to be dismissed, this Synod cannot consistently grant a letter of honorable dismission to any brother, until he designates the Synod to which he desires to be transferred.

XI. *Resolved*, That as soon as the President of this Synod shall have received a communication from Bro. Wetzel, stating to what Synod he desires to be transferred, in case the Synod to be called the Concordia Synod is not formed, he shall furnish him a letter of honorable dismission from this Synod.

XII. *Resolved*, That the President furnish Bro. Wetzel with a copy of this report as soon as possible.

D. EFIRD,
A. J. FOX,
D. DRAFTS.

Rev. A. W. Lindler, of the South Carolina Synod, was received as an advisory member of Synod.

The Committee upon Minutes of Sister Synods submitted the following Report:

We, the Committee appointed to report upon the Minutes of Sister Synods, beg leave to submit the following:

The only document that has come into our hands is a copy of the Minutes of the Synod and Ministerium of South Carolina and adjacent States. These Minutes contain nothing requiring action from this body. They report 25 ordained ministers, 41 congregations, 4135 communicants and 25 Sunday Schools. Respectfully submitted,

A. EFIRD.
D. S. HENKEL,

The following Report of the Committee on Examination was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination do report that we have examined the sermon and diary of Bro. D. S. Henkel. His diary has been well kept and gives evidence that Bro. Henkel has been diligently engaged in his Master's work, but the sermon was not such as was contemplated by Synod.*—Your Committee recommend that his license be continued.

We have also examined Bro. M. L. Fox as to his Theological attainments, and are well satisfied with the progress he has made in his studies, and recommend him to Synod for licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
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The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN.

XIII. *Resolved*, That we approve the doctrinal position of the Evangelical Lutheran published in Charlotte, N. C., and recommend its circulation among the people of our congregations.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Feeling the great necessity of making suitable religious impressions upon the minds of the children of our congregations; therefore,

XIV. *Resolved*, That the ministers of our connection be requested to endeavor to get up and encourage Sunday Schools in all their congregations and report their success to the Committee on the State of the Church, some time previous to each annual meeting of Synod.

PAROCHIAL TABLE.

Whereas, Our Parochial Table is considered imperfect; therefore,

XV. *Resolved*, That a Committee of two ministers be appointed to prepare a new Table and submit it to the next meeting of this Synod.

12*th Committee*.—Revs. J. R. Peterson and T. Moser.

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* The Committee considered Bro. Henkel unfortunate in the selection of his subject. The style and arrangement of his sermon were entirely satisfactory.—CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

THANKS.

XVI. *Resolved*, That we tender our most heartfelt thanks to the kind people of this congregation for the many acts of kindness and hospitality extended to us during our stay with them, and that the President read this resolution at the beginning of the second service on Sunday.

XVII. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod are due and are hereby tendered to the Choir of this Church for their very acceptable and pleasing performances in leading Divine worship, during the present meeting.

MINISTERIAL ROLL.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Roll of all the Ministers who have been connected with this Synod since its organization, and report to our next annual meeting.

13*th Committee*.—Revs. T. Moser and J. M. Smith.

During a recess of the Synod, a dedication sermon was preached by the Rev. A. J. Fox, from Gen. 28 : 17 ; after which the church in which Synod assembled was set apart to the worship of Almighty God, with appropriate ceremonies by the Pastor, assisted by Rev. A. J. Fox.

After refreshment, a sermon was preached by Prof. Smettzer, from Jer. 8 : 22.

Fifth Session.

SATURDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

Synod met and resumed business.

At this stage of our proceedings, a letter was received from Rev. J. M. Wagner, who had been appointed to represent the Holston Synod in this meeting, as corresponding Delegate. Bro. Wagner expresses to this meeting the fraternal feeling of the Synod he represents, for this body.

Also a letter was received from Rev. C. Moretz, containing his excuse for absence from this meeting, and also some suggestions to Synod.

XIX. It was *Resolved*, That the absence of Bro. Moretz be excused.

The following resolution of instruction to the Committee on the State of the Church was adopted:

XX. *Resolved*, That the Committee on the State of the Church be required to make every reasonable effort during the Synodical year to ascertain the condition of all the congregations in our connection, and report the same to the annual meeting of Synod.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the ceremony of granting license to Bro. M. L. Fox be performed immediately before the beginning of public worship on Sunday morning,

XXII. *Resolved*, That our Minutes be published as usual, and that a duplicate copy be sent to the General Synod of N. A., and one copy to each of the District Synods.

The labors of the present convention being finished, the congregation united with the President in prayer, and the Synod was adjourned to meet at the time and place before determined.

J. R. PETERSON, Secretary of Synod.

Services of the Sabbath.

On Sunday morning a very large congregation assembled at the Church, and the exercises of public worship were introduced with a sermon on the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, from I Cor. 10:16, by Rev. J. R. Peterson. Confession and absolution were then solemnized according to the usage of the Church, and the Holy Supper administered to a large number of communicants.

In the evening a sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. Smettzer, from Ezek. 37:1–10. The exercises of the day were concluded with the Apostolic benediction.

Parochial Reports.

PASTORS.	Congregations	Communicants	Baptisms. Infants	Baptisms. Adults	Baptisms. Colored	Confirmations	Burials
1. Rev. A. Henkel,*							
2. " H. Goodman,*							
3. " C. G. Reitzel,*							
4. " J. Killian,*							
5. " J. R. Moser,*							
6. " J. Stirewalt,*							
7. " A. J. Fox,	6	800	41	3		52	8
8. " H. Wetzel,*							
9. " P. C. Henkel,	5	815	60	2		38	
10. " J. R. Peterson,	3	210	17				2
11. " T. Moser,*							
12. " G. Schmucker,*							
13. " A. Efird,	5	490	41			38	13
14. " T. Crouse,*							
15. " S. Henkel,*							
16. " D. Efird,	4		52			44	
17. " C. Moretz,	4	126	20	4		2	
18. " J. E. Seneker,*							
19. " J. M. Smith,	4	575	60	2		40	11
20. " M. J. Stirewalt,*							
21. " E. E. Smyre,*							
22. " I. Condor,*							
23. " L. A. Fox,	2	185	24	3		15	2
24. " D. S. Henkel,	3	175	15			28	

* No report.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNOD.

Rev. A. J. Fox's	charge, January 12, 1868,	$13 05
" P. C. Henkel's	"	2 20
" J. R. Peterson's	"	5 20

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MINUTES.

According to adjournment, Synod convened in Salem Church, Lincoln County, N. C., on Thursday, September 24th, A. D. 1868.

The opening Sermon was preached by Rev. C. Moretz, from II Cor. 13 : 5—"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." Immediately after public worship the Synod was called to order by the President, with suitable religious exercises.

The Clerical roll was called, and Lay delegates handed in their certificates.

CLERICAL ROLL:

	NAMES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1	Rev. A. Henkel,*	New Market, Va.
2	" H. Goodman,	Statesville, N. C.
3	" C. G. Reitzel,*	Newton " "
4	" J. Killian,*	Waynesboro', Va.
5	" J. R. Moser,*	Cold Water, Mo.
6	" J. Stirewalt,*	New Market, Va.
7	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, N. C.
8	" H. Wetzel,†	Woodstock, Va.
9	" P. C. Henkel,	Newton, N. C.
10	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, N. C.
11	" T. Moser,	Taylorsville, N. C.
12	" G. Schmucker,†	Upper Tract, Va.
13	" A. Efird,	Lexington, S. C.
14	" T. Crouse,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
15	" S. Henkel,	New Market, Va.
16	" D. Efird,*	Frog Level, S. C.
17	" C. Moretz,	Boone, N. C.
18	" J. E. Seneker,†	Waynesboro', Va.
19	" J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N C.
20	" Prof. E. E. Smyer,*	Madisonville, Tenn.
21	" I. Condor,*	Mt. Solon, Va.
22	" L. A. Fox,‡	Salem, Va.
23	" T. Miller,*	Woodstock, Va.

LICENTIATES.

24	" M. L. Fox,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
25	" J. S. Bennick,*	New Market, Va.
26	" W. H. Swaney,*	New Market, Va.

* Absent, and excused; † not excused; ‡ Dismissed this Session.

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. A. Castner,	Salem, Lincoln Co.,	North	Carolina.
" A. T. Corpenning,	Grace, Catawba Co.,	"	"
" J. F. Hutson,	Sardis,	"	"
" D. A. Yoder,	Trinity,	"	"
" A. Hallman,	Bethpage,	"	"
Gen. D. Seagle,	Daniel's,	"	"
Mr. E. Aderhold,	St. Marks,	"	"
" J. A. Withers,	St. Lukes,	"	"
" M. H. Castner,	Philadelphia,	"	"
" J. S. Cloninger,	Christ's,	"	"
" A. P. Rhyne,	Luther's Chapel,	"	"
Capt. P. F. Smith,	St. John's,	"	"
Mr. F. L. Herman,	St. Paul's,	"	"
" D. Hawn,	St. Stephens,	"	"
" Logan Smyer,	St. James',	"	"
" D. T. Link,	Zion's,	"	"
" C. A. Little,	Sharon,	"	"
" John Hedick,	Friendship,	"	"
" M. L. Little,	St. Peter's,	"	"
" J. Moretz,	Mt. Pleasant,	"	"
" D. M. Puett,	Bold Spring,	"	"
" L. Bumgardner,	Salem, Alexander Co.,	N.	C.
" J. S. Setzer,	Philadelphia, Caldwell Co.,	N.	C.
" P. Fisher,	Morning Star,	North	Carolina.
" G. W. Michael,	St. Martin,	"	"
" G. A. Kiser,	Emanuel's,	"	"
" H. H. Conrad,	Pilgrim's,	"	"
" Marcus Young,	Beck's,	"	"
" G. W. Fox,	Melanchton,	"	"
" J. W. Morgan,	St. Paul's,	South	Carolina.
	Mettz's,	"	"
	Zion's,	"	"
	Emanuel,	"	"
" G. Coyner,	Emanuel,	Virginia.	
	Kipps,	"	
	Mt. Calvary,	"	

An election of officers was held, and resulted in the election of

REV. J. M. SMITH, *President.*
REV. C. MORETZ, *Recording Secretary.*
REV. A. J. FOX, *Corresponding Secretary.*
REV. T. MOSER, *Treasurer.*

After which the President read his Report, as his last official act.

The President's Report was received, adopted, and reserved for the proper Committee.

The papers and documents, intended for Synod, were called for, and the President announced the following STANDING COMMITTEES:

I. *On President's Report.*—Revds. A. Efird and T. Moser, and Mr. A. Castner.

II. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revds. T. Moser and J. R. Peterson, and Capt. P. F. Smith.

III. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revds. T. Crouse and C. Moretz, and Mr. E. Aderhold.

IV. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Rev. H. Goodman and Messrs. C. A. Little and J. W. Morgan.

V. *On Examination.*—Revds. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and J. R. Peterson.

VI. *On the state of the Church.*—Revds. A. J. Fox, A. Efird and T. Moser.

VII. *On Minutes of Sister Synods.*—Revds. L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel and H. Goodman.

By motion, of Rev. L. A. Fox, *Special Committee, No.* 1, was appointed, to take charge of the Minutes of the Concordia Synod and act in reference to the recommendation of the former President respecting that subject. *Special Committee, No.* 1,—Revds. J. R. Peterson, P. C. Henkel, and A. J. Fox.

On motion, by Rev. A. J. Fox, Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. T. Crouse.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, Sept. 25th, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. N. Aldrich. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Rev. G. D. Bernheim, of the N. C. Synod, being present, was received as an advisory member.

On motion, by Rev. J. R. Peterson, the 13th Rule of the Order of Business was suspended, for the present meeting of Synod, and notice given that at the next annual meeting it would be stricken out.

The chairman of *Standing Committee* VII now read the following Report, which was received and adopted:

REPORT.

Your Committee, on the Minutes of Sister Synods, find in our hands the Minutes of the North Carolina Synod, Virginia Synod, South Carolina Synod, Pennsylvania Synod, the General Council, General Synod of N. A., and the General Synod of the United States.

1. *The Minutes of the Synod of North Carolina*—convened in Law's Church, Guilford county, April 30th 1868. Its Officers are—Rev. Prof. L. A. Bickle, President; Rev. N. Aldrich, Rec. Sec.; Rev. D. I. Dreher, Cor. Sec.; Dr. P. A. Sifford, Treasurer. It reports 19 ministers, 31 congregations, 191 baptisms, 157 confirmations, 3,331 communicants. At the suggestion of the Western Conference, the Synod adopted the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the President of the Synod, at his earliest convenience, be requested to visit the Catawba Mission and, with the consent of the parties interested, he be empowered to transfer the congregation and church property of that Mission to the Tennessee Synod. Rev. Prof. Bickle was

elected delegate to the present Session of your body, and Rev. N. Aldrich alternate. We heartily reciprocate the fraternal feeling of these brethren, and welcome the presence of Rev. Mr. Aldrich among us.

We notice the death of two of their Ministers—Revds. Barrier and Grimes—the one, of great promise, stricken in the very morning of his usefulness; the other, called to his rest after a long pilgrimage.

2. *The Minutes of the Thirty-eighth Session of the Synod of Virginia*, held in New Market, beginning August 8th, 1867. The Officers elected were, Rev. J. H. Cupp, President; Rev. P. Miller, Sec.; Rev. G. A. Long, Treasurer. It numbers 21 ministers and reports 50 congregations, 91 baptisms, 136 confirmations, 3,019 communicants. This body is now in session, in West Union, Preston county, W. Va. We find nothing claiming the special attention of your body.

3. *The Minutes of the Extra-Session of the Synod of South Carolina*, held in Luther Chapel, Newberry, in September, and of the Forty-Third Annual Session, held in Wentworth Street church, Charleston, Nov. 14–19, 1867. Rev. T. S. Boinert was elected President; Rev. P. Derrick, Rec. Sec.; Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltzer, Cor. Sec.; Maj. P. E. Wise, Treasurer. There are, in connection with this Synod, 22 ministers, and 40 congregations. They report 417 baptisms, 323 confirmations, 4,241 communicants. There is nothing requiring the action of your body.

4. *Minutes of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Convention of the Synod of Pennsylvania*, held in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, Pa. There are 127 ministers in connection with this venerable body—10 of whom were received, at this meeting, from other Synods, and 11 ordained. They report 300 congregations, and 50,000 communicants. This Synod is zealously engaged in defending and extending the faith of our fathers, and is accomplishing much for the establishment of true Lutheranism in America. It is very active in all the benevolent enterprises of the church. We are deeply interested spectators of their labors and trials, and rejoice in their success. We bid them God speed. The present Officers are, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., President; Rev. E. A. Bauer, German Secretary; Rev. J. Rohler, English Secretary; Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Treasurer.

5. *The Proceedings of the General Council in its First Convention*, held in Fort Wayne, Ia., Nov. 20–26, 1867. Thirteen District Synods were represented. It embraces 538 ministers, 1,030 congregations, 133,296 communicants. Its Officers are, Rev. G. Bassler, President; Rev. H. W. Roth, English Secretary; Rev. Prof. G. Fritschel, German Secretary; H. H. Muhlenburg, M. D., Treasurer. It has planted itself firmly upon the unaltered Augsburg Confession, and interprets it in the light of the other Symbolical Books and confessional writings. We regard its organization, under such favorable auspices, as prophetic of a brighter day for the Church in this country. True to the Confessions, its energy and talents and resources must, as we firmly believe, uproot the old leaven of unsoundness and fanaticism, and gather into itself the whole of the Lutheran church in America united in one common faith and uniform practice. May the time soon come!

6. *The Minutes of the Fifth Convention of the General Synod in N. A.*, (Southern General Synod) held in Newberry, S. C., May 21–26, 1868. It embraces 6 District Synods. At this Meeting the Holston Synod was admitted and was represented in its Session by Rev. A. J. Brown. Officers, Rev. D. M. Gilbert, President; Rev. Prof. L. A. Bickle, Secretary; R. G. Chisholm, Esq, Treasurer. Its next Convention will be held in Winchester, Virginia, beginning on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1870. Your committee appointed at the last convention, will probably bring before you the facts it has collated in reference to the propriety of our union with it, and will, without doubt, present to your notice matters much more worthy of your attention than anything that can be culled from their Minutes.

7. *The Minutes of the General Synod of the United States*, (Old General Synod.) This, Twenty-third convention, was held in Harrisburg, Pa. Its present number of Synods is 21. Its Officers are, Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., President; Rev. M. Sheleigh, Secretary; A. F. Ockerhausen, Esq., Treasurer. It adopted at this meeting the Augsburg Confession as its confessional basis. It may have made advances, but does not yet seem to reach the sound Lutheran faith.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. L. A. FOX,
" P. C. HENKEL,
" H. GOODMAN,

C. Moretz, of the Committee on Unfinished Business of last year, read the following Report, which was received and acted upon, item by item:

REPORT.

We, the *Committee on Unfinished Business*, of the last annual Synod, beg leave to refer:

Item 1. To page 7 of the Minutes, and ask whether the committee appointed to report on the Memorial from the Southern Conference is prepared to do so?

Item 2. On page 14, we notice that a committee was appointed to collect all the facts relating to a contemplated union with the General Synod of North America, and ask did that committee comply with the duty enjoined?

Item 3. To page 16, respecting a New Parochial Table, and ask, has the said committee complied with its duty?

Item 4. To page 17, and call attention to Resolutions 18 and 20, respecting a Ministerial Roll and the state of the church, and inquire of these committees, whether they have discharged their respective duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. T. CROUSE,
" C. MORETZ,
Mr. E. Aderhold.

In reference to the above Report, the following action was taken:

Item 1, Relative to the Memorial from the Southern Conference—

the committee was continued, and reported at a later day of the session.

Item 2. The committee, to collect all the facts as regards a union with the General Synod of N. A., reported at a future time of Synod.

Item 3. The committee was continued and, at a later day, handed in a New Parochial Table.

Item 4. These committees found it difficult to arrive at the facts desired and, consequently, were continued, and are to report hereafter.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren in the Lord:

In the providence of our kind Heavenly Father, we, from the different sections of our Synodical territory, are permitted to assemble in another convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod. For forty-eight years our fathers, and ourselves, have been permitted to meet each other in these annual conventions. And, as a Synod, we have great reason to cherish feelings of sincere gratitude, to the Almighty God, for his continued goodness and kind protection extended to us. Amidst all the trials and troubles incident, to the past and present times; and all the confusion and strife incident, to the present political state of the country, which have disturbed and racked most of the religious denominations of the country; as a Synod, I am truly happy to say, we have not, to any extent, been disturbed. And indeed our congregations have scarcely experienced any agitation.

As far as I am informed, almost unprecedented good health has prevailed over the whole extent of our Synod. The Lord has blessed us with plentiful rains, and the fields of our people are covered with abundant crops, and our tables are crowned with all the substantials and some of the luxuries of life. Death has not been permitted to diminish the number of our Ministers, and but few of our lay members have been called away. To-day, re-assemble, therefore, in the name of the Lord Jesus; profoundly thankful for past and present blessings, let us, dear brethren, in opening the present Synodical Meeting and ecclesiastical year, look up to the Father of Lights, and earnestly pray: "Establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea the work of our hands establish thou it."—Psalm XC.

In compliance with the requirements of the law of our Synod, I do now submit the following Official Report:

OFFICIAL ACTS.

The duty imposed upon me, by a resolution of the last convention of this Synod, in regard to Bro. Henry Wetzel, was discharged; but not until the first of last January. The proceedings of Synod in regard to this matter, were left in the hands of the Secretary, and from some cause did not reach me until about the time stated, and were then immediately forwarded to his address, accompanied with a long, fraternal letter, assuring that brother of the kind feelings entertained for him by the members of the Synod, and also assuring him that, so soon as the requirements of Synod should be complied with, by him,

that the desired letter of honorable dismission would be furnished him. To this letter I have received no answer. However, I learned, from his letter published in the columns of the *Evangelical Lutheran*, that my communication reached him.

Sometime about the first of last January, I received a letter from Licentiate D. S. Henkel, in which he asked permission to visit our vacant congregations in Davidson county, North Carolina. I immediately replied, granting the desired permission, and advised him to visit them as often as possible, until they could be supplied with a pastor.

About the middle of last July, I received a communication from Bro. M. J. Stirewalt, at Augusta Station, Ia., stating that the Evangelical Lutheran English District, of the Joint Synod of Ohio, would meet sometime in the next month. And owing to his remoteness from our Synod, and, consequently, his inability to attend our meetings: he desired to unite himself with said Synod, and, therefore, respectfully asked for an honorable dismission from this Synod, to that. I considered his reasons good, and his request legal, and, therefore, unhesitatingly furnished him the asked for certificate.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

From the different sections of our Ecclesiastical connection I learn that, in the main, our congregations are slowly, yet steadily, increasing in their numerical strength; and all who are regularly supplied with pastoral services, may be said to be in a prosperous condition. I learn that there are many catechumens now receiving instruction, in several pastorates of the Synod, who. it is hoped, within a few months, may be received into full communion with the church, by the right of confirmation.

Several of our pastorates are vacant, and I have no doubt your attention will be called to their condition, by each one of them, at this meeting of the Synod; and, I trust, suitable efforts will be made to furnish them a speedy supply. Most of our pastoral districts are entirely too extensive, and I am sure that if suitable arrangements could be made to reduce their extent, it would greatly conduce to the prosperity of our church; but the scarcity of our ministers, and the inability and, in too many instances, the unwillingness of our people to furnish those we already have in the field, with adequate support, forbids any change in them at present, and renders it very difficult for us to induce a sufficient number of young men, either to engage in the work of the Ministry, or to remain within our bounds, when once they have taken upon them the vows of the sacred office. These things are to be lamented; but to remedy them, I fear, will be difficult.

I learn that three good Houses of Worship have been erected within the last year within the bounds of our Synod, and have been consecrated to the sacred purposes for which they were intended.

I am sorry to have to state that, owing to various causes, which I have not fully learned but which, I presume, will be fully made known to us at this convention of our Synod, our esteemed brethren in the Valley of Virginia have not succeeded in uniting in the organization

of the new Synod contemplated by our action two years ago. But three of them, viz: Revds. H. WETZEL, GEORGE SCHMUCKER, and J. E. SENEKER, have united themselves, with ten or twelve congregations, into what they call a Synod. Whilst the majority of them, some seven or eight Ministers and about twenty congregations, refuse to unite with them and, of course, are still regular members of this Synod. I have received no official notice of this organization, and, therefore, have found no action necessary on my part. But as the course pursued by the above named brethren, in this matter, has caused some considerable disaffection, and can not fail to result in much injury to the church if no adjustment is made, I have no doubt some action, on our part, in reference to this matter will be necessary to the peace and prosperity of our people.

I regret to find it necessary to inform you, that the object contemplated, by the division of our Synod into Conference Districts in North and South Carolina, has failed to result in as much good to the church as was expected. Only one Conference has been organized. This, however, has been holding its regular meetings; has been well attended by its Ministers and Lay delegates; and the people, where the meetings have been held, have generally taken great interest in the Essays read, the Discussions had, and its transactions generally—and there is abundant evidence that great good has been effected by these meetings. But, by the removal of two of our Ministers from this District, its numbers are so much diminished that there seems to be a necessity for re-districting our Conferences. Concerning this, the Secretary, for the present term, was instructed to memorialize the present session of Synod.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. I would most respectfully recommend, that a committee, of proper size, be appointed, to investigate the differences existing among our brethren in Virginia; the regularity and propriety of the new organization—which has assumed the name, *Concordia Synod*—; and, that the committee, charged with this duty, report to the present convention of the Synod.

2. Inasmuch as the question of adopting, and bringing into use among us, a work, lately published by the General Synod in North America, entitled THE BOOK OF WORSHIP, will be brought, by the Southern Conference, before this meeting of Synod, I would recommend, that a suitable committee be appointed to examine the book, and report to this session of Synod.

3. The correspondence heretofore existing between this Synod, as the mother Synod, and her daughter, the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, has, by some means, been permitted to be discontinued: I would recommend the renewal of this relation, and that a corresponding Delegate be appointed to the next annual meeting of that Synod.

4. A corresponding Delegate to our Synod, as you will see from the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, a copy of which has been addressed to this convention, and will be submitted,

has been appointed, and is here with his credentials; I most earnestly recommend that he be cordially received, and that we appoint a delegate to meet with that Synod in her next convention, and that, if possible, this correspondence be regularly continued.

5. There seem to me to be many reasons why the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod should embrace within her territory all the congregations and ministers in her former connection, and would, therefore, earnestly recommend that a committee be appointed to take this matter into immediate consideration, and devise and report a suitable plan by which the thing can be effected. The object of such a movement, it seems to me, should not be to constitute an annual Synod, but a joint convention, composed of several districts, who should meet annually, whilst the joint Synod should meet biennially, or, perhaps, triennially. To accomplish this, the Holston Synod should be invited to join us, as one branch or district. Our brethren in Virginia might unite in another, and we in the Carolinas might constitute one or two districts, as would be found most convenient and useful. Such an arrangement would not in any degree prevent us from afterwards uniting as a whole, with one or the other of the General Synods or Councils of this country, and would add much to our efficiency and influence in such a convention, and at the same time enable us to do much more to build and strengthen the Church in our midst.

And now, dear brethren, as the term of the office, which you kindly conferred upon me at the last meeting of this Synod has expired, I most cheerfully vacate the presidential chair in favor of him whom you may now select, with many sincere thanks for your indulgence, for I have no doubt you have discovered many defects.

I earnestly pray God, the divine spirit of wisdom may guide you in all the proper deliberations of the present meeting, and that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon all our labors. Amen.

A. J. FOX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, the Committee upon President's report, beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend that the action of the President in granting a letter of honorable dismission to bro. M. J. Stirewalt from this to the Eng. District of the Joint Synod of Ohio be confirmed.

In reference to the organization of a portion of the Virginia brethren—as Synod has already appointed a committee on this subject—we deem it unnecessary to take any further notice of the same.

Respecting the suggestion of the President in regard to the Book of Worship, your Committee are of opinion that this session of the Synod is too short a time for a report to be made by a committee.—We, therefore, recommend that our people, and especially our ministers, be requested to more carefully examine the Book of Worship, that the Synod may be better prepared at some future time to take final action on the same.

To the suggestion of the President in reference to correspondence of the Evangelical Holston Synod, we recommend that our former correspondence be renewed, and that a delegate be appointed by this to the next annual convention of said Synod.

Your Committee also recommend that Rev. N. Aldrich, the delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran N. C. Synod, be received, and that a delegate be appointed by this Convention to the next annual meeting of the North Carolina Synod.

Relative to the recommendation of the President in reference to a reunion of all the churches and ministers formerly in connection with this Synod, in the manner proposed by him, your Committee recommend that the committee be appointed, as suggested, to report to the next annual meeting of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

REV. A. EFIRD,
REV. T. MOSER,
MR. A. CASTNER.

Synod acted upon the above report item by item.

1. It confirmed the action of the President in granting a letter of honorable dismission to Rev. M. J. Stirewalt.

2. In regard to the Concordia Synod. [See report of special committee on that subject.]

3. As regards the BOOK OF WORSHIP, final action was deferred till next annual meeting.

4. Rev. C. Moretz was chosen a corresponding delegate, and Rev. J. R. Peterson his alternate, to the next annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod.

5. Rev. N. Aldrick presented his credentials as corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, and was received as such; and Rev. J. M. Smith was chosen a delegate, and Rev. T. Crouse his alternate, to the next annual meeting of the North Carolina Synod.

On the reception of Rev. N. Aldrick, there were mutual fraternal greetings, upon which Rev. G. D. Burnheim made some of the most eulogistic remarks respecting the character and high orthodox standing of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and the indebtedness of Lutheranism in America to her.

6. On the last item, Synod ordered a committee of five, to consist of three clergymen and two laymen, to be appointed.

COMMITTEE,—Revs. P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox and T. Moser, and Messrs. A. Castner and F. L. Herman.

On motion, Synod decided that, in future, the price per copy of Minutes shall be fifteen cents.

Synod then adjourned till after sermon.

During intermission, Rev. T. Moser preached the Synodical sermon. Text—Eph. 4 : 1—5 : "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

During the sermon, Rev. S. Henkel and his delegate arrived.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Upon motion, Synod next proceeded to inquire into the excuses of absent brethren, and, satisfactory reasons for their absence being rendered, *Synod excused all*, except the three composing the Concordia Synod.

Synod now determined the time and place for its next annual meeting; which resulted in the choice of Emanuel Church, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.: and to meet on Friday, 10 o'clock, before the First Full Moon in October, A. D. 1869.

Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. G. D. Burnheim.

At early candle-lighting, Rev. T. Crouse preached at the church: Text, Acts 2: 38—"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

The Synod assembled and was opened with prayer by Rev. L. A. Fox. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. T. Moser, of Standing Committe No. 2, now read the following

REPORT:

We, the Committee upon Letters and Petitions, beg leave to submit the following:

No 1, Is a letter from Rev. E. E. Smyer, in which he assigns distance and his engagements as the cause of his absence from this convention, and also makes some suggestions, favoring a union of this Synod as an integral part of the Lutheran General Synod in N. A.

No. 2, Is a memorial from Bethlehem Church, Augusta Co., Va., through a committee, suggesting to this body the propriety of adopting measures, at the present session of Synod, with a view to the union of our Synod with the General Council of the Lutheran church. The memorialists also call the attention of Synod to the duty of the Church to adopt measures for *increasing the clerical force of our Synod, and in connection with this they urge the importance of a more liberal support of the Ministry.* Through their pastor, they also invite Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.

No. 3, Is a petition from the congregation at St. Martin church, Stanly co., N. C., praying for ministerial services from this Synod.

No. 4, Is a petition from St. Martin church, Cabarrus county, N. C., of similar import.

No. 5, Is a petition from Morning Star church, N. C., praying for the services of Rev. T. Moser, or some other minister of this Synod.

No. 6, Is a petition from Philadelphia church, Caldwell co., N. C., praying to be visited by ministers of this body.

No. 7, Is a petition from Melanchton church, Randolph co., N. C., praying for ministerial services, and also for the next session of Synod in their church.

No. 8, Is a petition from the members of St. Stephen church, Catawba co., N. C., praying that the next annual meeting of this Synod be held in their church.

No. 9, Is a memorial from the Southern Conference, calling the attention of Synod to the Book of Worship, proposed by the General Synod of N. America, and recommending Synod to consider the propriety of its adoption for use by this body. The memorialists also pray Synod to re-district its territory, with a view to increase the clerical force of said Conference.

No. 10, Is a letter from Rev. J. Stirewalt, in which he expresses a desire to be with us, assigns reasons for his non-attendance, and calls the attention of Synod to the publication of the Epistles of Dr. Martin Luther, contained in his Church Postil, which are now in manuscript in the English language, and recommends Synod to take such action in reference to them as will most likely secure their early publication.

No. 11, Is a letter from Rev. J. Killian, in which he expresses his desire to be with us, gives the reasons for his absence; he informs us of the unpleasant condition of their Conference, in consequence of the formation of a new organization by a portion of their ministers. He also suggests the propriety of taking some action in favor of a union with the General Council.

No. 12, Is a letter from Rev. D. S. Henkel, in which he expresses a desire to be at this meeting of Synod, and gives reasons for absence.

No. 13. Is a petition from Emanuel church, New Market, Va.,—praying that the next session of our Synod be held in their church.

Respectfully submitted.

REVDS. T. MOSER,
" J. R. PETERSON,
Capt. P. F. SMITH.

The above Report was received and acted on, item by item.

In reference to No. 2, Synod postponed its consideration for the present.

In answer to Nos. 3, 4 and 5, It was moved that Rev. T. Moser and as many other ministers of this body as can, visit those vacant congregations in the east.

In answer to petition No. 6, Synod requested Rev. C. Moretz, and as many other ministers of this body as can, to visit that destitute congregation.

In reference to No. 7, It is made the duty of Revds. M. L. Fox and T. Crouse to preach to them until they can be otherwise supplied.

As regards No. 9, Synod appointed a committee of three clergymen to report on the Book of Worship at the next annual meeting of Synod.

Special Committee, No. 3.—Revds. S. HENKEL, J. STIREWALT and J. KILLIAN.

With reference to re-districting North Carolina into Conferences: Synod voted unanimously, that the Conference embrace *all ministers and churches in N. C. belonging to the* Ev. Luth. Tenn. Synod, and that

the name be the *North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod.*

No. 10. By motion of Rev. A. J. Fox, Special Committee No. 4 was appointed, to report to Synod on the publication of Dr. Luther's Epistles and Church Postil. *Committee*—Revds. S. HENKEL, T. MOSER, and Mr. A. CASTNER.

No. 11, By motion of Rev. J. R. Peterson, Synod expressed unanimously that it is not prepared for a union with the General Council.

This Synod accepted the transfer of the Catawba Mission. which was made by the N. C. Synod, and a committee, composed of Revds. A. J. FOX and P. C. HENKEL, was appointed to confer with the members of the Mission as to the wishes of the same.

The following is the expression of our Synod:

I. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby expresses its pleasure at the mutual confidence in each other, manifested by the transfer of the Catawba Mission by the Synod of N. Carolina to the Tennessee Synod.

The *Committee on Church Discipline*, submitted the following, through Rev. A. J. FOX, which was received;

Your committee, upon a question of church discipline submitted to this Synod by the Southern Conference, beg leave to state that there are certain other matters before the Synod, the disposal of which have important bearings upon the subject, and your committee find it impossible to make a satisfactory report until they are disposed of; and would, therefore, most respectfully ask, if it be the pleasure of the Synod, that this committee be continued. Respectfully,

A. J. FOX, *for the Committee.*

On motion, *The Committee on Union with the General Synod of N. America*, submitted the following, which was received;

Your Committee, upon the project of a union of this Synod with the General Synod in N. A., has only slightly examined the subject. We feel ourselves unprepared to make a satisfactory report to the present session of Synod, and, as the General Synod will not meet again until after the next annual meeting of this Synod, your committee beg leave to respectfully ask to be excused from reporting at this time, and, if Synod be pleased to do so, are willing to be continued until the next annual session of the Synod. Respectfully,

A. J. FOX, *for the Committee.*

The *Committee on Examination* handed in the following REPORT, which was received:

REPORT.—Your committee, on examination and ordination, have had a colloquium with Licentiate M. L. FOX, and also have examined his Journal and a written sermon he placed in our hands, and would submit the following; We are happy to inform you that we find he has been engaged in his Master's work, to some extent; his sermon is written in fair style; his views are well conceived and intelligently expressed. He has been engaged in reading suitable Theological works, as much as his domestic and professional engagements would permit. Upon the whole, your Committee consider that he promises

great usefulness, and most respectfully recommend that his License be renewed. Respectfully submitted,

Revds. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson.

Synod adjourned and repaired to Temperance Hall, to transact business during sermon. Rev. L. A. Fox preached; Text, II Cor. 7 : 10 —"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

Rev. J. R. Peterson, of the *Committee on the State of the Church*, now read the following, and, on motion, it was received and adopted:

REPORT.—The committee on the state of the Church are happy to be able to report that the embarrassments and hindrances to the progress of our Synod by which we have for years been surrounded, in consequence of the troubled condition of the country, are slowly giving away and a brighter day is beginning to dawn upon us. Your committee regret that they have not the information necessary to give a detailed account of the condition of the several charges in connection with our Synod. With a few exceptions, all the charges in the Valley of Virginia are reported to be in a somewhat prosperous condition.—There has been a regular increase in the number of their membership, and there are prospects of still larger accessions. The same is true of the charges in N. Carolina. Two of them are now vacant, and several only partially supplied with the ministrations of the Gospel. The congregations in South Carolina, under the care of Brothers Efird, are in a condition not dissimilar to that of those in othrr portions of our territory.

Congregations, left to themselves and unsupplied with the regular ministrations of the means of grace, soon languish. It is, therefore, important that our vacant congregations should be supplied with pastors as soon as possible, and your committee would be glad to have it in their power to suggest some means by which this might be done, but, in consequence of the scarcity of Ministers, we are unable to do so. We regret also the fact that quite a number of those who attend the field of ministerial labor, in connection with our Synod, have not felt it their duty to remain and labor for her welfare; but, have gone where the wants of the church were not so pressing as among ourselves, or might have been more easily supplied. Your committee hope that your body will, with as little delay as possible, adopt measures necessary to increase her efficiency, and thus enable herself more fully to meet her obligations as a portion of the kingdom of our Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. J. R. PETERSON,
" M. L. FOX.

The *Special Committee on Concordia Synod* now read the following, which was received and adopted:

REPORT.—We, the committee appointed to take into consideration the relation sustained by the body claiming the title of "*Evangelical Lutheran Concordia Synod of Virginia*," to the Evang. Luth. Tennessee Synod, and to give an expression of Synod in regard to this matter, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, in the year 1866, application was made to our Synod, by

the brethren in the Valley of Virginia, to form a Synod in that locality; and, whereas, such request was granted to these brethren accompanied with a promise contained in a preamble and resolution passed by our Synod in regard to this matter, that, as soon as an organization should be effected in accordance with said preamble and resolution, an honorable dismission from our Synod would be granted these brethren; and, whereas, an effort was made to form a regularly constituted Synod, but the object contemplated failed; and, whereas, the Revds. H. WETZEL, G. SCHMUCKER, and J. E. SENEKER, with several congregations, united themselves into a body styled "The Evang. Luth. Concordia Synod of Va.," thereby disturbing the peace and prosperity of the Church in that section of our Synod, the other brethren dissenting; and, whereas, the Rev. H. WETZEL has denied the jurisdiction of our Synod over him, and as no request has been made by the other brethren, who entered the said organization, for an honorable dismission from our Synod; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod disapprove of the course pursued by these brethren in this matter, and that their names be retained in our clerical catalogue until they properly apply for an honorable dismission, or announce their withdrawal from it. Respectfully submitted,

Revds. J. R. PETERSON, A. J. FOX, P. C. HENKEL.
Messrs. A. CASTNER, F. L. HERMAN.

On motion, by Rev. A. J. Fox, all members of Synod who absent themselves before adjournment are to be censured.

Synod adjourned till after recess.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

At this hour, Rev. L. A. Fox asked for a Letter of honorable dismission from this Synod, in view to connect himself with the Synod of South Western Va. Synod unanimously granted Bro. Fox' request.

After recess, Rev. N. Aldrich preached in the church; Text, St. Luke 15 : 2—"This man receiveth sinners."

Special Committee No. 4 now read the following Report and, on motion, it was received and adopted.

REPORT:

We, the committee appointed to report in reference to the publication of the Epistles contained in Dr. Martin Luther's Church Postil, now in manuscript in the English language and in the possession of parties at New Market, Va., beg leave to submit the following:

In regard to this subject, we recommend that a call be made, by the Synod, on those parties, to make arrangements for the publication of those sermons in what they may conceive to be the most judicious and practicable manner at as early a period as possible, and that the Synod give such enterprise their heartfelt co-operation and support, in the circulation of the work. Respectfully submitted,

REV. S. HENKEL,
REV. T. MOSER,
MR. A. CASTNER.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report now presented the following, which was received:

REPORT.

We, your Committee on Treasurer's Report, have examined the same, and find the statement of the Treasurer correct. Respectfully submitted.

REV. HENRY GOODMAN,
MR. J. W. MORGAN,
MR. C. A. LITTLE.

The Synod unanimously adopted the following:

II. *Resolved*, That the thanks and gratitude of this Synod be tendered to the good people of this community, at some suitable time, for the kindness and hospitality manifested to Synod during its stay among them, and that it be the duty of Rev. A. Efird to make the tender.

Synod also adopted the following:

III. *Resolved*, That our Minutes be printed, as usual, and that five copies be sent to each minister of this Synod, three copies to the General Synod of North America, and one to each Lutheran Synod in the South.

Synod makes it the duty of the Secretary to keep a full Parochial Report, as found in old Minutes, when ministers fail to make annual reports.

Special Committee, No. 5, now handed in the following

REPORT:

Your Committee, appointed to prepare a plan for the reconstruction of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, from the limited time we have had to consider the matter, do not feel ourselves fully prepared to mature a plan which will fully meet the necessity of the case, but would respectfully submit that it is the opinion of the Committee that a committee of one be appointed to open a correspondence with some of the most prominent members of the Holston Synod upon this subject, and that Synod be respectfully invited to consider this matter in her next Annual Convention; and that this committee of one report the result of his correspondence to the next meeting of this Synod; and that the Special Virginia Conference be requested to take up the subject of organizing themselves into a Branch Synod, and lay the same before the next meeting of this Synod. Respectfully submitted.

REV. P. C. HENKEL,
REV. A. J. FOX,
REV. T. MOSER,
MR. F. L. HERMAN,
MR. A. CASTNER.

As recommended above, Synod appointed the Corresponding Secretary a committee of one to open the correspondence with prominent members of the Holston Synod.

Synod repaired to the church house to complete the business of this meeting.

The committee appointed last year to prepare a new Parochial Table now handed in a new table and their report, which were received.

REPORT.

We, the Committee appointed by the last Synod to prepare a new Parochial Report for this Synod, submit the accompanying form.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. T. MOSER,
" J. R. IEERSON.

A committee, appointed last year to furnish a regular roll of Ministers, was excused; not being able to report now. It is retained still, to report at the next regular session of Synod.

IV. *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the CHOIR of St. John church in view of their excellent music rendered during the exercises of the meeting of Synod; and that Rev. A. Efird make the tender.

The Licensing of M. L. Fox is to take place after the first service on the Lord's Day.

Rev. G. D. Burnheim delivered an Address on Saturday eve, on the character and advantages offered at the N. C. College and Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary; after which Rev. S. Henkel handed in the following which was received.

Having heard with pleasure the statements made by Brother G. D. Burnheim in regard to the character and favorable advantages offered at the North Carolina College and Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary, situated at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus Co., North Carolina, for the discipline and education of our sons and daughters, we would earnestly suggest that those who feel disposed to have their sons and daughters well educated, encourage these institutions.

On motion of Rev. H. Goodman, Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place before designated.

Closed with prayer by the President.

At early candle lighting Rev. G. D. Burnheim preached in the church. Text—Gal. 5—9: "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

LORD'S DAY EXERCISES.

At an early hour a large congregation assembled at the stand near the church, and Rev. S. Henkel preached. Text—St. John, 3:16: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

After a recess, Rev. A. Efird tendered the vote of thanks, and then preached from Hebrews, 10:23—25, after which confession and absolution were solemnized and the Holy Supper administered to a large number of communicants. During the whole time, the best attention was given.

C. MORETZ, Secretary of Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

		ENTRANCE ON MINISTRY	CONGREGATIONS	COMMUNICANTS	BAPT'MS INFANTS	BAPT'MS ADULTS	CONFIRMATIONS	LOSS BY DEATH	NO. OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS
1.	Rev. A. J. Fox,	1859	9	900	65	5	56	15	7
2.	" A. Efird,	1847	5	485	30	2	24	6	
3.	" J. R. Peterson,	1843	4	300	31	4	43	1	
4,	" S. Henkel,		6	525	23	21	69	15	
5.	" T. Moser,	1844	3	150	12		3	3	2
6.	" P. C. Henkel,	18 3	5	900	57	1	97	18	
7.	" T. Crouse,		4	230	23		4	5	
8.	" D. Efird,	18 2	4	400	42		18	24	
9.	" J. M. Smith,	1856	4	600	55	2	27	15	
10.	" M. L. Fox,		1	25	1				
11.	" C. Moretz,	1852	4	450	45	9	28	4	2
12.	" J. S. Bennick,				41	5		11	
13.	" W. H. Swaney,		3	180	19			2	
14.	" J. Stirewalt,		6	450					
15.	" J. Killian,		2	224					

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SYNOD.

Emanuel Church, New Market, Virginia,				$1 90
Rader's Church,	"			2 00
Mt. Calvary Church,	"			80
Solomon's Church,	"			1 00
St. William's Church,	"			80
Kipps' School House,	"			70
Bold Spring Church, Caldwell County, North Carolina,				1 05
St. Paul's Church, Catawba	"	"	"	2 00
St. James' Church, "	"	"	"	1 00
St. Stephen's Church, "	"	"	"	2 40
Pilgrim's Church, Davidson	"	"	"	1 85
New Jerusalem Church,		"	"	1 20
Melanchton Church, Randolph	"	"	"	1 20
Morning Star " Mecklinburg	"	"	"	85
Zion's Church, Catawba	"	"	"	80
Salem Church, Lincoln	"	"	"	2 70

Salem Church, Alexander	"	"	"	1 05
St. Martin's Church, Iredell	"	"	"	70
St. Martin's Church, Cabarrus	"	"	"	75
St. Martin's Church, Stanley	"	"	"	30
Emanuel's Church, Davidson	"	"	"	25
Beck's Church, Davidson	"	"	"	1 65
Emanuel's Church, Union	"	"	"	90
Rev. J. R. Peterson's Charge,				5 10
Rev. A. Efird's "				5 25
Rev. D. Efird's "				3 00
Sharon Church, Iredell County, North Carolina,				2 25

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. J. Killian,	1 00
Rev. J. Stirewalt,	50
Rev. P. C, Henkel,	15
Mr. Jonathan Moretz,	75
Amount received from former Treasurer,	17 19

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" A. J. FOX,	*Corresponding Secretary.*
" T. MOSER,	*Treasurer.*

TIME OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF SYNOD:

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MINUTES.

According to adjournment, Synod convened in Salem Church, Lincoln County, N. C., on Thursday, September 24th, A. D. 1868.

The opening Sermon was preached by Rev. C. Moretz, from II Cor. 13 : 5—"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." Immediately after public worship the Synod was called to order by the President, with suitable religious exercises.

The Clerical roll was called, and Lay delegates handed in their certificates.

CLERICAL ROLL:

	NAMES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1	Rev. A. Henkel,*	New Market, Va.
2	" H. Goodman,	Statesville, N. C.
3	" C. G. Reitzel,*	Newton "
4	" J. Killian,*	Waynesboro', Va.
5	" J. R. Moser,*	Cold Water, Mo.
6	" J. Stirewalt,*	New Market, Va.
7	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, N. C.
8	" H. Wetzel,†	Woodstock, Va.
9	" P. C. Henkel,	Newton, N. C.
10	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, N. C.
11	" T. Moser,	Taylorsville, N. C.
12	" G. Schmucker,†	Upper Tract, Va.
13	" A. Efird,	Lexington, S. C.
14	" T. Crouse,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
15	" S. Henkel,	New Market, Va.
16	" D. Efird,*	Frog Level, S. C.
17	" C. Moretz,	Boone, N. C.
18	" J. E. Seneker,†	Waynesboro', Va.
19	" J. M. Smith,	Catawba Station, N C.
20	" Prof. E. E. Smyer,*	Madisonville, Tenn.
21	" I. Condor,*	Mt. Solon, Va.
22	" L. A. Fox,‡	Salem, Va.
23	" T. Miller,*	Woodstock, Va.

LICENTIATES.

24	" M. L. Fox,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
25	" J. S. Bennick,*	New Market, Va.
26	" W. H. Swaney,*	New Market, Va.

* Absent, and excused; † not excused. ‡ Dismissed this Session.

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. A. Castner,	Salem, Lincoln Co.,	North Carolina.
" A. T. Corpenning,	Grace, Catawba Co.,	" "
" J. F. Hutson,	Sardis,	" "
" D. A. Yoder,	Trinity,	" "
" A. Hallman,	Bethpage,	" "
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" J. A. Withers,	St. Lukes,	" "
" M. H. Castner,	Philadelphia,	" "
" J. S. Cloninger,	Christ's,	" "
" A. P. Rhyne,	Luther's Chapel,	" "
Capt. P. F. Smith,	St. John's,	" "
Mr. F. L. Herman,	St. Paul's,	" "
" D. Hawn,	St. Stephens,	" "
" Logan Smyer,	St. James',	" "
" D. T. Link,	Zion's,	" "
" C. A. Little,	Sharon,	" "
" John Hedick,	Friendship,	" "
" M. L. Little,	St. Peter's,	" "
" J. Moretz,	Mt. Pleasant,	" "
" D. M. Puett,	Bold Spring,	" "
" L. Bumgardner,	Salem, Alexander Co.,	N. C.
" J. S. Setzer,	Philadelphia, Caldwell Co.,	N. C.
" P. Fisher,	Morning Star,	North Carolina.
" G. W. Michael,	St. Martin,	" "
" G. A. Kiser,	Emanuel's,	" "
" H. H. Conrad,	Pilgrim's,	" "
" Marcus Young,	Beck's,	" "
" G. W. Fox,	Melanchton,	" "
" J. W. Morgan,	St, Paul's,	South Carolina.
	Mettz's,	" "
	Zion's,	" "
	Emanuel,	" "
" G. Coyner,	Emanuel,	Virginia.
	Kipps,	"
	Mt. Calvary,	"

An election of officers was held, and resulted in the election of

REV. J. M. SMITH, *President.*
REV. C. MORETZ, *Recording Secretary.*
REV. A. J. FOX, *Corresponding Secretary.*
REV. T. MOSER, *Treasurer.*

After which the President read his Report, as his last official act.

The President's Report was received, adopted, and reserved for the proper Committee.

The papers and documents, intended for Synod, were called for, and the President announced the following STANDING COMMITTEES:

I. *On President's Report.*—Revds. A. Efird and T. Moser, and Mr. A. Castner.

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that the desired letter of honorable dismission would be furnished him. To this letter I have received no answer. However, I learned, from his letter published in the columns of the *Evangelical Lutheran*, that my communication reached him.

Sometime about the first of last January, I received a letter from Licentiate D. S. Henkel, in which he asked permission to visit our vacant congregations in Davidson county, North Carolina. I immediately replied, granting the desired permission, and advised him to visit them as often as possible, until they could be supplied with a pastor.

About the middle of last July, I received a communication from Bro. M. J. Stirewalt, at Augusta Station, Ia., stating that the Evangelical Lutheran English District, of the Joint Synod of Ohio, would meet sometime in the next month. And owing to his remoteness from our Synod, and, consequently, his inability to attend our meetings; he desired to unite himself with said Synod, and, therefore, respectfully asked for an honorable dismission from this Synod, to that. I considered his reasons good, and his request legal, and, therefore, unhesitatingly furnished him the asked for certificate.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

From the different sections of our Ecclesiastical connection I learn that, in the main, our congregations are slowly, yet steadily, increasing in their numerical strength; and all who are regularly supplied with pastoral services, may be said to be in a prosperous condition. I learn that there are many catechumens now receiving instruction, in several pastorates of the Synod, who, it is hoped, within a few months, may be received into full communion with the church, by the right of confirmation.

Several of our pastorates are vacant, and I have no doubt your attention will be called to their condition, by each one of them, at this meeting of the Synod; and, I trust, suitable efforts will be made to furnish them a speedy supply. Most of our pastoral districts are entirely too extensive, and I am sure that if suitable arrangements could be made to reduce their extent, it would greatly conduce to the prosperity of our church; but the scarcity of our ministers, and the inability and, in too many instances, the unwillingness of our people to furnish those we already have in the field, with adequate support, forbids any change in them at present, and renders it very difficult for us to induce a sufficient number of young men, either to engage in the work of the Ministry, or to remain within our bounds, when once they have taken upon them the vows of the sacred office. These things are to be lamented; but to remedy them, I fear, will be difficult.

I learn that three good Houses of Worship have been erected within the last year within the bounds of our Synod, and have been consecrated to the sacred purposes for which they were intended.

I am sorry to have to state that, owing to various causes, which I have not fully learned but which, I presume, will be fully made known to us at this convention of our Synod, our esteemed brethren in the Valley of Virginia have not succeeded in uniting in the organization

of the new Synod contemplated by our action two years ago. But three of them, viz: Revds. H. WETZEL, GEORGE SCHMUKER, and J. E. SENEKER, have united themselves, with ten or twelve congregations, into what they call a Synod. Whilst the majority of them, some seven or eight Ministers and about twenty congregations, refuse to unite with them and, of course, are still regular members of this Synod. I have received no official notice of this organization, and, therefore, have found no action necessary on my part. But as the course pursued by the above named brethren, in this matter, has caused some considerable disaffection, and can not fail to result in much injury to the church if no adjustment is made, I have no doubt some action, on our part, in reference to this matter will be necessary to the peace and prosperity of our people.

I regret to find it necessary to inform you, that the object contemplated, by the division of our Synod into Conference Districts in North and South Carolina, has failed to result in as much good to the church as was expected. Only one Conference has been organized. This, however, has been holding its regular meetings; has been well attended by its Ministers and Lay delegates; and the people, where the meetings have been held, have generally taken great interest in the Essays read, the Discussions had, and its transactions generally—and there is abundant evidence that great good has been effected by these meetings. But, by the removal of two of our Ministers from this District, its numbers are so much diminished that there seems to be a necessity for re-districting our Conferences. Concerning this, the Secretary, for the present term, was instructed to memorialize the present session of Synod.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. I would most respectfully recommend, that a committee, of proper size, be appointed, to investigate the differences existing among our brethren in Virginia; the regularity and propriety of the new organization—which has assumed the name, *Concordia Synod*—; and, that the committee, charged with this duty, report to the present convention of the Synod.

2. Inasmuch as the question of adopting, and bringing into use among us, a work, lately published by the General Synod in North America, entitled THE BOOK OF WORSHIP, will be brought, by the Southern Conference, before this meeting of Synod, I would recommend, that a suitable committee be appointed to examine the book, and report to this session of Synod.

3. The correspondence heretofore existing between this Synod, as the mother Synod, and her daughter, the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, has, by some means, been permitted to be discontinued: I would recommend the renewal of this relation, and that a corresponding Delegate be appointed to the next annual meeting of that Synod.

4. A corresponding Delegate to our Synod, as you will see from the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, a copy of which has been addressed to this convention, and will be submitted,

has been appointed, and is here with his credentials; I most earnestly recommend that he be cordially received, and that we appoint a delegate to meet with that Synod in her next convention, and that, if possible, this correspondence be regularly continued.

5. There seem to me to be many reasons why the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod should embrace within her territory all the congregations and ministers in her former connection, and would, therefore, earnestly recommend that a committee be appointed to take this matter into immediate consideration, and devise and report a suitable plan by which the thing can be effected. The object of such a movement, it seems to me, should not be to constitute an annual Synod, but a joint convention, composed of several districts, who should meet annually, whilst the joint Synod should meet biennially, or, perhaps, triennially. To accomplish this, the Holston Synod should be invited to join us, as one branch or district. Our brethren in Virginia might unite in another, and we in the Carolinas might constitute one or two districts, as would be found most convenient and useful. Such an arrangement would not in any degree prevent us from afterwards uniting as a whole, with one or the other of the General Synods or Councils of this country, and would add much to our efficiency and influence in such a convention, and at the same time enable us to do much more to build and strengthen the Church in our midst.

And now, dear brethren, as the term of the office, which you kindly conferred upon me at the last meeting of this Synod has expired, I most cheerfully vacate the presidential chair in favor of him whom you may now select, with many sincere thanks for your indulgence, for I have no doubt you have discovered many defects.

I earnestly pray God, the divine spirit of wisdom may guide you in all the proper deliberations of the present meeting, and that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon all our labors. Amen.

A. J. FOX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, the Committee upon President's report, beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend that the action of the President in granting a letter of honorable dismission to bro. M. J. Stirewalt from this to the Eng. District of the Joint Synod of Ohio be confirmed.

In reference to the organization of a portion of the Virginia brethren—as Synod has already appointed a committee on this subject—we deem it unnecessary to take any further notice of the same.

Respecting the suggestion of the President in regard to the Book of Worship, your Committee are of opinion that this session of the Synod is too short a time for a report to be made by a committee.—We, therefore, recommend that our people, and especially our ministers, be requested to more carefully examine the Book of Worship, that the Synod may be better prepared at some future time to take final action on the same.

To the suggestion of the President in reference to correspondence of the Evangelical Holston Synod, we recommend that our former correspondence be renewed, and that a delegate be appointed by this to the next annual convention of said Synod.

Your Committee also recommend that Rev. N. Aldrich, the delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran N. C. Synod, be received, and that a delegate be appointed by this Convention to the next annual meeting of the North Carolina Synod.

Relative to the recommendation of the President in reference to a reunion of all the churches and ministers formerly in connection with this Synod, in the manner proposed by him, your Committee recommend that the committee be appointed, as suggested, to report to the next annual meeting of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

REV. A. EFIRD,
REV. T. MOSER,
MR. A. CASTNER.

Synod acted upon the above report item by item.

1. It confirmed the action of the President in granting a letter of honorable dismission to Rev. M. J. Stirewalt.

2. In regard to the Concordia Synod. [See report of special committee on that subject.]

3. As regards the BOOK OF WORSHIP, final action was deferred till next annual meeting.

4. Rev. C. Moretz was chosen a corresponding delegate, and Rev. J. R. Peterson his alternate, to the next annual meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod.

5. Rev. N. Aldrick presented his credentials as corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, and was received as such; and Rev. J. M. Smith was chosen a delegate, and Rev. T. Crouse his alternate, to the next annual meeting of the North Carolina Synod.

On the reception of Rev. N. Aldrick, there were mutual fraternal greetings, upon which Rev. G. D. Burnheim made some of the most eulogistic remarks respecting the character and high orthodox standing of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and the indebtedness of Lutheranism in America to her.

6. On the last item, Synod ordered a committee of five, to consist of three clergymen and two laymen, to be appointed.

COMMITTEE,—Revs. P. C. Henkel, A. J. Fox and T. Moser, and Messrs. A. Castner and F. L. Herman.

On motion, Synod decided that, in future, the price per copy of Minutes shall be fifteen cents.

Synod then adjourned till after sermon.

During intermission, Rev. T. Moser preached the Synodical sermon. Text—Eph. 4 : 1—5 : "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

During the sermon, Rev. S. Henkel and his delegate arrived.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Upon motion, Synod next proceeded to inquire into the excuses of absent brethren, and, satisfactory reasons for their absence being rendered, *Synod excused all*, except the three composing the Concordia Synod.

Synod now determined the time and place for its next annual meeting; which resulted in the choice of Emanuel Church, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.: and to meet on Friday, 10 o'clock, before the First Full Moon in October, A. D. 1869.

Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. G. D. Burnheim.

At early candle-lighting, Rev. T. Crouse preached at the church: Text, Acts 2: 38—"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8 o'clock.

The Synod assembled and was opened with prayer by Rev. L. A. FOX. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. T. Moser, of Standing Committe No. 2, now read the following

REPORT:

We, the Committee upon Letters and Petitions, beg leave to submit the following:

No 1, Is a letter from Rev. E. E. Smyer, in which he assigns distance and his engagements as the cause of his absence from this convention, and also makes some suggestions, favoring a union of this Synod as an integral part of the Lutheran General Synod in N. A.

No. 2, Is a memorial from Bethlehem Church, Augusta Co., Va., through a committee, suggesting to this body the propriety of adopting measures, at the present session of Synod, with a view to the union of our Synod with the General Council of the Lutheran church. The memorialists also call the attention of Synod to the duty of the Church to adopt measures for *increasing the clerical force of our Synod, and in connection with this they urge the importance of a more liberal support of the Ministry*. Through their pastor, they also invite Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their church.

No. 3, Is a petition from the congregation at St. Martin church, Stanly co., N. C., praying for ministerial services from this Synod.

No. 4, Is a petition from St. Martin church, Cabarrus county, N. C., of similar import.

No. 5, Is a petition from Morning Star church, N. C., praying for the services of Rev. T. Moser, or some other minister of this Synod.

No. 6, Is a petition from Philadelphia church, Caldwell co., N. C., praying to be visited by ministers of this body.

No. 7, Is a petition from Melanchton church, Randolph co., N. C., praying for ministerial services, and also for the next session of Synod in their church.

No. 8, Is a petition from the members of St. Stephen church, Catawba co., N. C., praying that the next annual meeting of this Synod be held in their church.

No. 9, Is a memorial from the Southern Conference, calling the attention of Synod to the Book of Worship, proposed by the General Synod of N. America, and recommending Synod to consider the propriety of its adoption for use by this body. The memorialists also pray Synod to re-district its territory, with a view to increase the clerical force of said Conference.

No. 10, Is a letter from Rev. J. Stirewalt, in which he expresses a desire to be with us, assigns reasons for his non-attendance, and calls the attention of Synod to the publication of the Epistles of Dr. Martin Luther, contained in his Church Postil, which are now in manuscript in the English language, and recommends Synod to take such action in reference to them as will most likely secure their early publication.

No. 11, Is a letter from Rev. J. Killian, in which he expresses his desire to be with us, gives the reasons for his absence; he informs us of the unpleasant condition of their Conference, in consequence of the formation of a new organization by a portion of their ministers. He also suggests the propriety of taking some action in favor of a union with the General Council.

No. 12, Is a letter from Rev. D. S. Henkel, in which he expresses a desire to be at this meeting of Synod, and gives reasons for absence.

No. 13, Is a petition from Emanuel church, New Market, Va.,—praying that the next session of our Synod be held in their church.

Respectfully submitted,

REVDS. T. MOSER,
" J. R. PETERSON,
Capt. P. F. SMITH.

The above Report was received and acted on, item by item.

In reference to No. 2, Synod postponed its consideration for the present.

In answer to Nos. 3, 4 and 5, It was moved that Rev. T. Moser and as many other ministers of this body as can, visit those vacant congregations in the east.

In answer to petition No. 6, Synod requested Rev. C. Moretz, and as many other ministers of this body as can, to visit that destitute congregation.

In reference to No. 7, It is made the duty of Revds. M. L. Fox and T. Crouse to preach to them until they can be otherwise supplied.

As regards No. 9, Synod appointed a committee of three clergymen to report on the Book of Worship at the next annual meeting of Synod.

Special Committee, No. 3.—Revds. S. HENKEL, J. STIREWALT and J. KILLIAN.

With reference to re-districting North Carolina into Conferences: Synod voted unanimously, that the Conference embrace *all ministers and churches in N. C. belonging to the* Ev. Luth. Tenn. Synod, and that

its name be the *North Carolina Conference of the Tennessee Synod.*

No. 10, By motion of Rev. A. J. Fox, Special Committee No. 4 was appointed, to report to Synod on the publication of Dr. Luther's Epistles and Church Postil. *Committee*—Revds. S. HENKEL, T. MOSER, and Mr. A. CASTNER.

No. 11, By motion of Rev. J. R. Peterson, Synod expressed unanimously that it is not prepared for a union with the General Council.

This Synod accepted the transfer of the Catawba Mission. which was made by the N. C. Synod, and a committee, composed of Revds. A. J. FOX and P. C. HENKEL, was appointed to confer with the members of the Mission as to the wishes of the same.

The following is the expression of our Synod :

I. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby expresses its pleasure at the mutual confidence in each other, manifested by the transfer of the Catawba Mission by the Synod of N. Carolina to the Tennessee Synod.

The *Committee on Church Discipline*, submitted the following, through Rev. A. J. FOX, which was received :

Your committee, upon a question of church discipline submitted to this Synod by the Southern Conference, beg leave to state that there are certain other matters before the Synod, the disposal of which have important bearings upon the subject, and your committee find it impossible to make a satisfactory report until they are disposed of ; and would, therefore, most respectfully ask, if it be the pleasure of the Synod, that this committee be continued. Respectfully,

A. J. FOX, *for the Committee.*

On motion, *The Committee on Union with the General Synod of N. America*, submitted the following, which was received :

Your Committee, upon the project of a union of this Synod with the General Synod in N. A., has only slightly examined the subject. We feel ourselves unprepared to make a satisfactory report to the present session of Synod, and, as the General Synod will not meet again until after the next annual meeting of this Synod, your committee beg leave to respectfully ask to be excused from reporting at this time, and, if Synod be pleased to do so, are willing to be continued until the next annual session of the Synod. Respectfully,

A. J. FOX, *for the Committee.*

The *Committee on Examination* handed in the following REPORT, which was received :

REPORT.—Your committee, on examination and ordination, have had a colloquium with Licentiate M. L. FOX, and also have examined his Journal and a written sermon he placed in our hands, and would submit the following ; We are happy to inform you that we find he has been engaged in his Master's work, to some extent ; his sermon is written in fair style ; his views are well conceived and intelligently expressed. He has been engaged in reading suitable Theological works, as much as his domestic and professional engagements would permit. Upon the whole, your Committee consider that he promises

great usefulness, and most respectfully recommend that his License be renewed. Respectfully submitted,

Revds. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson.

Synod adjourned and repaired to Temperance Hall, to transact business during sermon. Rev. L. A. Fox preached; Text, II Cor. 7 : 10 —"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

Rev. J. R. Peterson, of the *Committee on the State of the Church*, now read the following, and, on motion, it was received and adopted:

REPORT.—The committee on the state of the Church are happy to be able to report that the embarrassments and hindrances to the progress of our Synod by which we have for years been surrounded, in consequence of the troubled condition of the country, are slowly giving away and a brighter day is beginning to dawn upon us. Your committee regret that they have not the information necessary to give a detailed account of the condition of the several charges in connection with our Synod. With a few exceptions, all the charges in the Valley of Virginia are reported to be in a somewhat prosperous condition.—There has been a regular increase in the number of their membership, and there are prospects of still larger accessions. The same is true of the charges in N. Carolina. Two of them are now vacant, and several only partially supplied with the ministrations of the Gospel. The congregations in South Carolina, under the care of Brothers Efird, are in a condition not dissimilar to that of those in othrr portions of our territory.

Congregations, left to themselves and unsupplied with the regular ministrations of the means of grace, soon languish. It is, therefore, important that our vacant congregations should be supplied with pastors as soon as possible, and your committee would be glad to have it in their power to suggest some means by which this might be done, but, in consequence of the scarcity of Ministers, we are unable to do so. We regret also the fact that quite a number of those who attend the field of ministerial labor, in connection with our Synod, have not felt it their duty to remain and labor for her welfare; but, have gone where the wants of the church were not so pressing as among ourselves, or might have been more easily supplied. Your committee hope that your body will, with as little delay as possible, adopt measures necessary to increase her efficiency, and thus enable herself more fully to meet her obligations as a portion of the kingdom of our Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. J. R. PETERSON,
" M. L. FOX.

The *Special Committee on Concordia Synod* now read the following, which was received and adopted:

REPORT.—We, the committee appointed to take into consideration the relation sustained by the body claiming the title of "*Evangelical Lutheran Concordia Synod of Virginia*," to the Evang. Luth. Tennessee Synod, and to give an expression of Synod in regard to this matter, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, in the year 1866, application was made to our Synod, by

the brethren in the Valley of Virginia, to form a Synod in that locality; and, whereas, such request was granted to these brethren accompanied with a promise contained in a preamble and resolution passed by our Synod in regard to this matter, that, as soon as an organization should be effected in accordance with said preamble and resolution, an honorable dismission from our Synod would be granted these brethren; and, whereas, an effort was made to form a regularly constituted Synod, but the object contemplated failed; and, whereas, the Revds. H. WETZEL, G. SCHMUCKER, and J. E. SENEKER, with several congregations, united themselves into a body styled "The Evang. Luth. Concordia Synod of Va.," thereby disturbing the peace and prosperity of the Church in that section of our Synod, the other brethren dissenting; and, whereas, the Rev. H. WETZEL has denied the jurisdiction of our Synod over him, and as no request has benn made by the other brethren, who entered the said organization, for an honorable dismission from our Synod; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Synod disapprove of the course pursued by these brethren in this matter, and that their names be retained in our clerical catalogue until they properly apply for an honorable dismission, or announce their withdrawal from it. Respectfully submitted,

Revds. J. R. PETERSON, A. J. FOX, P. C. HENKEL.
Messrs. A. CASTNER, F. L. HERMAN.

On motion, by Rev. A. J. Fox, all members of Synod who absent themselves before adjournment are to be censured.

Synod adjourned till after recess.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

At this hour, Rev. L. A. FOX asked for a Letter of honorable dismission from this Synod, in view to connect himself with the Synod of South Western Va. Synod unanimously granted Bro. Fox' request.

After recess, Rev. N. Aldrich preached in the church; Text, St. Luke 15 : 2—"This man receiveth sinners."

Special Committee No. 4 now read the following Report and, on motion, it was received and adopted.

REPORT:

We, the committee appointed to report in reference to the publication of the Epistles contained in Dr. Martin Luther's Church Postil, now in manuscript in the English language and in the possession of parties at New Market, Va., beg leave to submit the following:

In regard to this subject, we recommend that a call be made, by the Synod, on those parties, to make arrangements for the publication of those sermons in what they may conceive to be the most judicious and practicable manner at as early a period as possible, and that the Synod give such enterprise their heartfelt co-operation and support, in the circulation of the work. Respectfully submitted,

REV. S. HENKEL,
REV. T. MOSER,
MR. A. CASTNER.

The Committee on Treasurer's Report now presented the following, which was received:

REPORT.

We, your Committee on Treasurer's Report, have examined the same, and find the statement of the Treasurer correct. Respectfully submitted.

REV. HENRY GOODMAN,
MR. J. W. MORGAN,
MR. C. A. LITTLE.

The Synod unanimously adopted the following:

II. *Resolved*, That the thanks and gratitude of this Synod be tendered to the good people of this community, at some suitable time, for the kindness and hospitality manifested to Synod during its stay among them, and that it be the duty of Rev. A. Efird to make the tender.

Synod also adopted the following:

III. *Resolved*, That our Minutes be printed, as usual, and that five copies be sent to each minister of this Synod, three copies to the General Synod of North America, and one to each Lutheran Synod in the South.

Synod makes it the duty of the Secretary to keep a full Parochial Report, as found in old Minutes, when ministers fail to make annual reports.

Special Committee, No. 5, now handed in the following

REPORT:

Your Committee, appointed to prepare a plan for the reconstruction of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, from the limited time we have had to consider the matter, do not feel ourselves fully prepared to mature a plan which will fully meet the necessity of the case, but would respectfully submit that it is the opinion of the Committee that a committee of one be appointed to open a correspondence with some of the most prominent members of the Holston Synod upon this subject, and that Synod be respectfully invited to consider this matter in her next Annual Convention; and that this committee of one report the result of his correspondence to the next meeting of this Synod; and that the Special Virginia Conference be requested to take up the subject of organizing themselves into a branch Synod, and lay the same before the next meeting of this Synod. Respectfully submitted.

REV. P. C. HENKEL,
REV. A. J. FOX,
REV. T. MOSER,
MR. F. L. HERMAN,
MR. A. CASTNER.

As recommended above, Synod appointed the Corresponding Secretary a committee of one to open the correspondence with prominent members of the Holston Synod.

Synod repaired to the church house to complete the business of this meeting.

The committee appointed last year to prepare a new Parochial Table now handed in a new table and their report, which were received.

REPORT.

We, the Committee appointed by the last Synod to prepare a new Parochial Report for this Synod, submit the accompanying form.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. T. MOSER,
" J. R. PETERSON.

A committee, appointed last year to furnish a regular roll of Ministers, was excused; not being able to report now. It is retained still, to report at the next regular session of Synod.

IV. *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the CHOIR of Salem church, in view of their excellent music rendered during the exercises of the meeting of Synod; and that Rev. A. Efird make the tender.

The Licensing of M. L. Fox is to take place after the first service on the Lord's Day.

Rev. G. D. Burnheim delivered an Address on Saturday eve, on the character and advantages offered at the N. C. College and Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary; after which Rev. S. Henkel handed in the following which was received.

Having heard with pleasure the statements made by Brother G. D. Burnheim in regard to the character and favorable advantages offered at the North Carolina College and Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary, situated at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarus Co., North Carolina, for the discipline and education of our sons and daughters, we would earnestly suggest that those who feel disposed to have their sons and daughters well educated, encourage these institutions.

On motion of Rev. H. Goodman, Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place before designated.

Closed with prayer by the President.

At early candle lighting Rev. G. D. Burnheim preached in the church. Text—Gal. 5—9: "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

LORD'S DAY EXERCISES.

At an early hour a large congregation assembled at the stand near the church, and Rev. S. Henkel preached. Text—St. John, 3:16: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

After a recess, Rev. A. Efird tendered the vote of thanks, and then preached from Hebrews, 10:23—25, after which confession and absolution were solemnized and the Holy Supper administered to a large number of communicants. During the whole time the best attention

C. MORETZ, Secretary of Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

	ENTRANCE ON MINISTRY	CONGREGATIONS	COMMUNICANTS	BAPTISMS INFANTS	BAPTISMS ADULTS	CONFIRMATIONS	LOSS BY DEATH	NO. OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS
1. Rev. A. J. Fox,	1859	9	960	65	5	56	15	7
2. " A. Efird,	1847	5	485	30	2	24	6	
3. " J. R. Peterson,	1843	4	300	31	4	43	1	
4, " S. Henkel,		6	525	23	21	69	15	
5. " T. Moser,	1844	3	150	12		3	3	2
6. " P. C. Henkel,	18-3	5	900	57	1	97	18	
7. " T. Crouse,		4	230	23		4	5	
8. " D. Efird,	18-2	4	400	42		18	24	
9. " J. M. Smith,	1856	4	600	55	2	27	15	
10. " M. L. Fox,		1	25	1				
11. " C. Moretz,	1852	4	450	45	9	28	4	2
12. " J. S. Bennick,				41	5		11	
13. " W. H. Swaney,		3	180	19			2	
14. " J. Stirewalt,		6	450					
15. " J. Killian.		2	224					

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MINUTES.

FRIDAY, October 15, 1869—11 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened in Emanuel Church, New Market, Shenandoah county, Va.

In the absence of the officers of the Synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson was appointed President, *pro tem.*, and Rev. A. Efird, Secretary.

The meeting was then opened with appropriate exercises, Rev. J. R. Peterson leading.

The Clerical Roll was then called and the absentees noted; the Lay-delegates presented their certificates of election.

CLERICAL ROLL.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.
1. Rev. A. Henkel,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
2. " H. Goodman,*	Statesville, Iredell Co., N. C.
3. " C. G. Reitzel,*	Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
4. " J. Killian,	Waynesboro, Augusta, Co., Va.
5. " J. R. Moser,*	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
6. " A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C.
7. " H. Wetzel,†	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va.
8. " P. C. Henkel,	Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
9. " J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C.
10. " T. Moser,*	
11. " G. Schmucker,†	Upper Tract, Pendleton Co., W. Va.
12. " A. Efird,	Lexington, Lexington Co., S. C.
13. " T. Crouse,*	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.
14. " S. Henkel,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
15. " D. Efird,*	Frog Level, S. C.
16. " C. Moretz,*	Boone, Watauga Co., N. C.
17. " J. E. Seneker,*	Waynesboro, Augusta Co.. Va.
18. " J. M. Smith,*	Catawba Station, Catawba Co., N. C.
19. " I. Condor,	McGaheyesville, Rockingham Co. Va.
20. " T. Miller,	Saumsville, Shenandoah Co., Va.
21. " J. S. Bennick,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
22. " W. H. Swaney,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.

LICENTIATE.

23. M. L. Fox,*	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.

LAY DELEGATES.

Dr. C. C. Henkel,	Emanuel Church, New Market, Va.
Mr. Samuel Filtzmoyer,	Pine Church, Va.
Mr. George Zirkle,	Solomon's Church, Va.
Maj. A. Koiner,	Bethlehem Church, Va.
Mr. E. Bowman,	Zion Church, Va.
Mr. M. A. Aderholt,	St. Marks, Daniel, Salem, Grace, Trinity, Bethpage, Sardis Ch's., N. C.

* Absent, excused. † Absent, not excused.

NAMES.	CONGREGATIONS.
Mr. George, Lohr, ...	Kipp's School House, Va.
Mr. George Archart, ...	Rader Church, Va.
Mr. Michael Armentrout, ...	Trinity Church, Va.
Mr. Jacob Miller, ...	St. Paul's Church, Va.
Mr. Cyrus Pence, ...	McGaheysville Church, Va.
Mr. D. K. Orebaugh, ...	St. Paul's Church, Va.
Mr. R. Nauman, ...	St. William's Church, Va.
Mr. I. Printz, ...	Mt. Calvary Church, Va.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet after preaching. Rev. A. Efird preached from Heb. 13, 1.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house was called to order. The roll was called. On motion, the President's report was read. On motion, it was received.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord:—Through the favor of a kind and indulgent Heavenly Father, another Synodical year has rolled around, and we are again assembled in Synodical Convention. We who are alive and here to-day, have much reason to be thankful to the Giver of all good for the innumerable blessings he has in great mercy bestowed upon us. Whilst we live in the noonday of Gospel light, and enjoy the blessings of the pure word of God, and the Holy Sacraments; there are many who are destitute of these heavenly gifts. These are ours to preserve and transmit to future generations. Are we not, then, under the greatest obligations to labor to give the bread of life to the thousands, who are famishing for the want of it, and should not we, who are so highly favored, be filled with gratitude and praise to our most gracious Father in heaven.

As the presiding officer of Synod, I have not found it necessary to perform any official acts during the past year, and therefore have nothing of that sort to report. But it becomes my duty to announce to you that very recently two of our most efficient ministers have been called from their work here below to their reward above.

It is painful to record that it has pleased Almighty God our heavenly Father, to remove from the stage of action, and the field of usefulness upon earth, our beloved brother in the ministry, Rev. E. E. Smyer. He departed this life on the 16th day of August, 1869. He was called off in the prime of life and heighth of his usefulness, to his reward beyond the grave.

No less painful is the duty incumbent upon me to announce to you the tidings of Father Jacob Stirewalt, of New Market, Va., having also been removed by the relentless hand of death. He departed this life on the 25th day of August. 1869. Thus, within ten days of each other, the Lord has afflicted us by the removal of two names from the catalogue of our living ministers. In this very sad dispensation of our heavenly Father, he loudly proclaims to us that our duty is to be up and about our Master's business, with all our might; for the night of death will soon come. As watchmen, let us bear the word from the mouth of God, and faithfully warn the wicked—and occupy until our great Master says come up higher.

The number of our ministers has always been too small to meet the many demands upon us for clerical services, which has always been a matter of deep solicitude with us; but when death comes, and in so short a time re-

moves two brethren from amongst us, possessing such abilities and usefulness; it is exceedingly painful and afflicting to know that our very small number is still being diminished. By death and removal to other fields of labor our clerical strength has become so diminutive, that a very wide field is left to be cultivated by but few of us; whilst many more in our beloved Zion, than we can supply, are constantly calling to us for the bread of life. Such has long been, and now is, the state of things among us, that very few young men, who possess the requisite qualifications, can be induced to embark in the arduous work of the Holy Ministry. In this most sad state of affairs, what is to be done to meet these very urgent demands? What are we doing, what have we ever done, to remove the difficulty? Ministers we need, and ministers we must have, and that very soon, or much of the ground we now occupy will be lost to us, and it is to be greatly feared that it will be lost in a great degree to the Lutheran Church. Brethren, are you willing that this should be so? Nay, verily we must arouse, and better do our duty, or a fearful account must be rendered to our Divine Master for our neglect.

It seems to me that the time has come for us to do more to encourage suitable young men to undertake the work of the ministry, than we are now doing, or ever have done. We should more earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his vineyard. We should speak to those members of our congregations, who have promising sons in their families, about these things, and encourage them to thus dedicate them to the Lord. And we should also converse with the pious, talented young men of our congregations, about the pressing demands for ministers, and do all that we can to induce them to undertake the work. And as we will certainly find many of these young men who have not the pecuniary means to procure such literary and theological attainments as are requisite in this enlightened age of the world; it seems to me, that it is the bounden duty of the Church, who needs and demands these services of her young men, to furnish them the necessary means, and I, therefore, most earnestly recommend that a committee of suitable size, be appointed, early in the present session of this Synod, charged to prepare and report to the present convention, some suitable plan of beneficiary education.

There are several other matters of interest, to which I would call your attention were I not confident that the various Committees of this Synod have given them due consideration, and will embrace them, in proper form, in their reports to Synod.

As Ministers and Laymen, I trust, we all truly love our Church, and fondly cherish her institutions, and desire her prosperity; let us pray that she may be successful in all her well appointed enterprises. And may we all for the future be more active, energetic, and zealous, in the upbuilding of our beloved Lutheran Zion. And now may the peace of God; which passeth all understanding, be upon us, and may his Spirit direct us, in all our deliberations in this convention, and for all the coming days of our lives. Amen.

J. M. SMITH.

An election for Officers was now held, and resulted in the election of

REV. T. MILLER,	PRESIDENT,
" S. HENKEL,	RECORDING SECRETARY,
" A. J. FOX,	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
" J. S. BENNICK,	TREASURER.

Rev. D. M. Henkel, Delegate from the Pennsylvania Synod, was introduced, and on motion was cordially received. He, then, addressed the Synod, in a few very appropriate remarks, both in regard to his former connection with this Synod, and in reference to the great good that must result from

a more intimate intercourse between these Synods, and from a union with the General Council.

On motion, the hours for the meetings of Synod were fixed at 9 o'clock, A. M., and at 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, adjourned, to meet on Saturday, the 16th, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Dismissed with Benediction.

Rev. Dr. Fox preached, at 7 o'clock, P. M., from John 17, 3.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 16, 1869, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. The devotional exercises were conducted by the President.

The roll was called. The minutes read and approved.

The papers and documents, intended for Synod, were called for and presented.

On motion, Mr. J. N. Stirewalt was invited to a seat among us.

On motion, Rule 13, of the Order of Business, was rescinded.

The following Committees were appointed:

On MINUTES OF OTHER SYNODS.—Revds. A. J. Fox, Wm. H. Swaney, and Dr. C. C. Henkel.

On PETITIONS.—Revds. A. Efird, J. S. Bennick, and Mr. E. Bowman.

On LETTERS.—Revds. J. R. Peterson, I. Conder, and Maj. A. Koiner.

On UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Revds. J. Killian, P. C. Henkel, and Mr. M. A. Aderholt.

On PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, and Rev. J. R. Peterson.

On EXAMINATION.—Revds. A. Efird and J. Killian.

On STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Revds. A. J. Fox and A. Efird.

On TREASURER'S REPORT.— evds. J. R. Peterson and Wm. H. Swaney.

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod hail with joy the appearance of **Dr. Luther's Church-Postil on the Epistles**, in the English language, published by the New Market Evangelical Lutheran Publishing Company, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va., and that each Minister is hereby earnestly requested to recommend this work to his people.

On motion, two resolutions offered by Maj. A. Koiner, were laid on the table, for the present.

On motion, Mr. D. S. Henkel was invited to a seat among us.

Rev. P. C. Henkel now requested Synod to give an expression as to whether a Minister is justifiable in receiving individuals into the Church who were baptized by immersion, and who have not been baptized by the application of water. In regard to this, the following action was taken:

"Inasmuch as an expression of the Synod has been asked, as to the validity of Baptism administered by Baptist ministers,

Be it resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report an expression of this Synod, upon this subject, to the present session of this Synod."

Committee—Revds. J. R. Peterson, S. Henkel, and A. J. Fox.

Preaching, by Rev. I Conder, from John 1, 17.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called.

On motion, Rev. Solomon Funk, of the Baptist church, was invited to a seat with us.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, now reported:

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, the Committee appointed to report on the Unfinished Business, of the last annual Synod, would beg leave to submit the following:

Item I, page 12.—We find that Rev. T. Moser and other ministers were requested to visit the several congregations designated. Was this request complied with?

Item II, page 12.—Rev. C. Moretz, and others, were requested to attend to the wants of several vacant congregations. Has this request been carried out?

Item III, page 12.—A committee was appointed to report to this meeting in regard to the Book of Worship. Is this committee prepared to report?

Item IV, page 13.—We find that a committee was appointed to confer with the members of the Catawba Mission, as to the wishes of the same. Has the Committee performed its duty?

Item V, page 13.—It is seen that a committee was continued, to report on a question of Church discipline. Is it ready to report?

Item VI, page 13—We find that the committee on union with the General Synod, &c., was continued. Is it ready to report?

Item VII, page 16.—We find that a committee of One was appointed to open a correspondence with some of the most prominent members of the Holston Synod, &c., and report the result, &c. Is he prepared to report?

Respectfully submitted,

J. KILLIAN.
P. C. HENKEL.
M. A. ADERHOLT.

On motion, the above report was received.

The Corresponding Secretary reported. On motion it was received:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—During the past year, very little official correspondence, in writing, has been found necessary. The Minutes of the last convention of our Synod were duly received, and have been generally distributed as directed by the action of the Synod. The minutes of several Synods have been received, and will be submitted at this session of Synod.

The contents of these Minutes would have been noted and embraced in this report, as is usually done by the Corresponding Secretary of other Synods, —but, inasmuch as we have a *standing committee*, whose duty it is to make a report, embracing all the important items contained in the Minutes of sister Synods, it seemed unnecessary to do this. The duty assigned me, as a Committee of One, in regard to the project of a Joint Synod, has been performed, and will be submitted in a seperate report.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

Rev. J. R. Peterson gave notice that at the next meeting of Synod, a motion will be made to discontinue No. 7, of the *Standing Committees.*

The report on Unfinished Business was taken up and considered by items:

Items 1 and 2, were found to have each been complied with.

Item 3, in regard to the Book of Worship, was taken up, and, relative to it, the Committee was continued, to report at this meeting, if called upon, if not, then, at the next meeting of Synod. On motion, Rev. Conder was added to the Committee, in place of Rev. J. Stirewalt, dec'd.

Item 4.—The Committee made the following report, which was adopted:—

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CATAWBA MISSION.

Your committee, to whom the duty of meeting and conferring with members of the congregations in the Catawba Mission, in regard to their willingness to become an integral part of this Synod, as proposed by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, of which they are members; would

inform you, that this duty was performed on the 21st and 22d days of Nov., 1868. On the 21st, we had an appointment at Thyatira church, and, after the Chairman preaching a sermon, the object of our visit was stated, and an interview was had with the male members, who were present. But, as all were not present, it was thought most prudent to postpone the matter, until all could be consulted, and then report to the committee. On the 22d, the chairman of the committee met and preached to a large congregation in the church at Newton, and then stated the object of the visit. And, in the afternoon, a private interview, with the members present, was held, and, after much conversation concerning the matter, the same conclusion was arrived at, as on the previous day.

On the 19th day of last April, I was informed by one of the Elders of the church at Newton, that, although it was desirable with the members of their congregation that the propositions of their Synod be met, upon examination it had been ascertained that the title is such as to present insuperable obstacles to a separation from the North Carolina Synod.

On the 3d day of August, we met the Elders of Thyatira church and were informed by them, that as Newton could not separate from the N. C. Synod without sacrificing their church property, they had concluded to await fuller developments, also. Both of these congregations are desirous to have ministerial services from ministers of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. Fox.

Item 5 was considered, and, in reference to it, the following report was received, and the committee was continued, to report at next meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Your Committee, appointed year before last, and continued last year, to report upon certain questions of Church Discipline, submitted to this Synod by the Southern Conference, found itself unable to report satisfactorily last year, because there were certain other matters of great importance before the Synod, which have a decided bearing upon these questions. And, this year finds your Committee no less embarrassed by these matters, because final action has not yet been had. Consequently, the Chairman of your Committee has not thought it necessary to call its members together,—and, would most respectfully ask Synod to consider the propriety of continuing this subject, and, either discharge this Committee or continue it, as she may think most advisable.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX, Chairman.

Item 6 was now taken up and, in reference to it, the following report was offered, received, and approved:

REPORT ON UNION WITH GENERAL SYNOD.

Your Committee, upon the question of Union of this Synod with the General Synod in N. A., has not yet had a meeting and, therefore, is unable to render any Report to this session of the Synod. The Chairman of this Committee deems it his duty, if permitted to do so, to make a brief statement of reasons why his Committee has not been assembled.

At the time this Committee was appointed there seemed to be few, if any, obstacles to the contemplated union. But, in the course of the Synodical year, it was ascertained that a few of the prominent members of our own Synod were not fully prepared to assent to such a union. Through our public Church Journals it also became apparent that, although the General Synod, in her action at Staunton, Va., had formally and, no doubt, in good faith, so far as a decided majority of the members of that session were concerned, complied with the conditions proposed by our Synod, there were quite a number of the clerical members of the different Synods in her connection, who entirely dissented from the doctrinal basis she had assumed. This state of things gave rise to animated discussions in the Church papers, often conducted in not the most friendly manner. Other issues were, also, raised. Considering all these things, it was found that these conflicting elements would, in the end, come into such violent collision as would cause the General

Synod to disband, and, should the Tennessee Synod unite with her, such commotion would result in more injury than good to us. Under all the circumstances, the Chairman of your Committee thought that it would be prudent to await fuller developments, and, with such feelings and views, he went before the last session of our Synod and respectfully asked a continuance of his Committee—fondly hoping that, by this time, things would have developed themselves so fully that a satisfactory report could be made PRO or CON. But whilst, in some quarters at least, things are assuming a very hopeful aspect, the General Synod has not yet had a meeting and, although things are more quiet, generally, it is evident that the final decision has not yet been made. But, there is litle doubt that, within the next Synodical year, all will be determined in such a manner as to enable us to see our way clearly, as to our future course in regard to this proposed union.—Therefore, I would most respectfully ask, in the name of the Committee, that it be continued one year more.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX, CHAIRMAN.

Item 7 was taken up and, in regard to it, the following Report was offered, and laid on the table:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOINT SYNOD.

Your Committee, appointed to open correspondence with some of the most prominent members of the E. L. Holston Synod upon the subject of a Joint Synod, to embrace all the different portions of Synodical territory formerly and at present in connection with the E. L. Tennessee Synod, hereby inform this Synod that the duty assigned has been discharged, and now submit the following Report:

On the 27th day of June, 1869, I addressed a letter to brethren A. J. Brown, J. K. Hancher, J. C. Barb, and Andrew Rader, containing, in connection with some remarks of my own, the entire proceeding of this Synod, in her session of 1868, in regard to the project of union of all the ministers and congregations who formerly, and at present, belong to the E. L. Tennessee Synod. A copy of this letter is herewith submitted.

About the middle of July, I received an answer from brother Rader, to this letter, in which he expresses his earnest approval of the proposed measure, and assures me that he would use his utmost endeavors to have his Synod adopt such resolutions as he hopes will be instrumental in effecting the proposed union. This letter is likewise submitted.

Soon after, I received a communication from Prof. Barb, the President of the Holston Synod, expressing his decided endorsement of our proposition, and stating that, as the Presiding Officer of his Synod, he would earnestly recommend the measure to the favorable consideration of the Synod, and urge the adoption of such resolutions as would favor the union proposed by our Synod. This letter is, also, submitted.

Not, until about the middle of August, did I receive a letter from Prof. Brown. He expressed himself somewhat undecided in his views concerning this matter; nevertheless, he expressed himself decidedly in favor of the proposed union, provided it could be effected in such a manner as not to interfere with the present relations sustained by the Holston Synod to the General Synod in North America. This letter is, also, laid before you.

From some cause or other, I have received no reply from brother Hancher. I presume, however, that this is owing to my not having addressed the letter to Mill Point, but to Blountsville, Tennessee.

After the adjournment of the Holston Synod, this year, I addressed a letter to each, Professors Brown and Barb, making inquiry as to the proceedings of the Holston Synod, in regard to the question of union, and, on the 24th day of September, I received a reply, from brother Barb, containing the several items of their transactions, relating to this matter, and, also, expressing his very earnest desire for the contemplated union to be effected; also, that a Committee was appointed to forward a copy of these proceedings to our Synod, from which you will see that, upon certain conditions, our brethren of that Synod favor the organization of a Joint Synod, This letter is submitted to you.

On the 28th day of Sept., I received, from Prof. Brown, an answer to my letter of inquiry, in which he informs me that the transactions of his Synod have been placed in the hands of a Committee, of which brother J. M. Wagner is Chairman, with instructions to report to our Synod. He states that it is, nearly unanimously, their opinion, that the only way in which a union can be effected is, by the Tennessee Synod uniting with the General Synod in N. A. He regards this as the true line of policy, for our Synod. This letter also, I submit to the consideration of Synod.

Your Committee recommend, that a Committee of Five—three ministers and two laymen—be appointed, to whom this matter be committed, with instructions, to report a plan of union, to this session of Synod, Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.

The Committee on the state of the Church now reported. On motion, the Report was received, and laid on the table.

Synod adjourned, to meet on Monday, the 18th. Prayer by Rev. Swaney. Rev. J. R. Peterson preached, at 7 o'clock, P. M., from Ps. 84, 11.

SUNDAY, Oct. 17.

At 9½ o'clock, A. M., a Funeral sermon was preached, in Emanuel church, by the *pastor loci*, on the death of SAMUEL H., son of Mr. JOSEPH HUPP. The several pulpits in the town were, at the regular morning hour, occupied as follows: St. Matthew, Rev. Dr. Fox; Methodist, Rev. J. R. Peterson; Emanuel, Rev. P. C. Henkel. These respective churches were well filled, and a feeling of devotion and deep interest seemed to prevail. After preaching, in Emanuel church, Confession and Absolution were held, and the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants. During the protracted exercises, a feeling of solemn, attentive meditation pervaded the whole assembly. At 7 o'clock, Rev. D. M. Henkel preached, from 1 Cor. 16, 13.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 18, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met; devotional exercises conducted by the President; roll called; proceedings read, and, on motion, were received, amended, and approved.

The Report of the Committee, on the state of the Church, which was laid on the table the previous day, was called for, and again read. On motion the Report was re-committed.

The Committee on Treaurer's Report, now reported. On motion, the Report was received, and adopted.

The Report, re-committed, was returned, amended. A motion was now made for its adoption. The motion was withdrawn. The Report was again re-committed. G. R. Calvert, Esq., of the *Shenandoah Valley*, being present, was invited to a seat among us.

The re-committed Report was returned again and read:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee, on the state of the Church, owing to its limited means for obtaining information from the different portions of our widely extended territory, can only make a partial statement of facts.

Our congregations in the State of South Carolina are all statedly supplied with the preaching of the Gospel, and the regular administrations of the Holy Sacraments, and enjoy their usual prosperity.

In North Carolin, all the congregations, which are regularly under the care of pastors, may be said to be progressing as well as formerly; but, there are several pastoral charges vacant, because of the want of a sufficient number of ministers to supply them; and most of the Charges, that have the stated services of a pastor, are entirely too extensive; and, consequently, as a whole, our Church is not in condition to prosper as much as is desirable.

Our congregations in Virginia, have been better cared for, than in either of the Carolinas. Pastoral charges have not been so extensive, and, therefore, ministers had more leisure to attend to the spiritual interests of their people.

The recent death of our much esteemed brother, Rev. JACOB STIREWALT, has made vacant an extensive field of labor. And, the death of our esteemed young brother, Rev. E. E. SMYRE, has also diminished our resources considerably. Several Pastorates in N. C. are vacant, and we have no ministers to send there. And what renders the difficulty still greater, we have not a single young man who is ready to take the field, nor have any considerable number, who, as far as we are informed, began to prepare, or even to look forward to the office of the ministry. Under this very sad state of things, there seems to your Committee to be great danger that some, at least, of our present congregations, will finally be compelled to sever their connection with us, and seek other relations. And we, as things now are, our congregations only half supplied, as they are in our larger charges,

are in danger of losing many of our younger members; urged, as they constantly are, by those proselyting spirits who, like birds of prey, are hovering around us, and making every possible effort to strengthen themselves by diminishing our numbers.

It seems to your Committee, that the time has come for our Synod to awake to a deeper sense of the very important duty of engaging in the several enterprises in which every other Synod, in this country, is successfully at work.—and by which means the Lutheran Church was founded, and for a long time maintained in America. Every other Synod is, more or less, engaged in the work of Missions, and Beneficiary Education, and are accomplishing an immense amount of good. As a Synod, we stand alone, inactive, in these things; and, it seems to your Committee that, if we continue thus to stand, many of our congregations will soon cease to flourish, will dwindle down and, in no very long time, die out—and the fearful responsibility will rest on us. It is our duty to supply all our vacant congregations with a well-educated, faithful Ministry and, also, to extend our borders as rapidly as possible. There are many reasons why this should be done, a few of them your Committee beg leave to submit to your careful consideration, at this meeting of the Synod.

Nearly all professing Christians have a well-educated Ministry; every portion of our Church has an educated Ministry. It is necessary that our Ministers should be well educated, or, we will fail so far behind others, that our Ministry will fail to command a sufficient degree of respect to secure success. Our people are educating their sons and daughters much better than formerly—and, unless our Ministry possess liberal Literary attainments, these young people will, in too many instances, become disgusted with the ignorance of our preachers and, finding more intelligence in other denominations, will attach themselves to them, and be lost to our Church. To avoid these things, there seems, to your Committee, but one way left us; and that is, at once, to engage in some safe plan of Beneficiary Education. In order to be successful in such an enterprise, your Committee thinks that, a Committee of two should be appointed, to prepare a Pastoral Letter, upon this subject and have it appended to the minutes of our present convention; and, that a resolution be adopted, making it the duty of all our pastors to read this letter, publicly, before a full congregation of all their members; and, that another Committee be appointed, to prepare a suitable plan of operations, and lay it before this meeting. And, that a resolution also, be adopted, requesting all our Pastors, at some convenient time, say immediately after reading the Circular, for taking collections for this purpose.

To facilitate this work, your Committee would recommend, immediate steps to be taken, either to take interest in North Carolina College, or some other one of the Literary Institutions of our Church, in tihs country.

Your Committee is of opinion that, that present state of the Church loudly calls for a proper re-construction of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in the shape of a Joint Convention, as recommended by the President of last year, in his Annual Report—and, ultimately, attach herself to either the General Synod in North America, or the General Council, as may be found more advisable.

Many other matters of interest might be mentioned, but this Report is long enough.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.
A. EFIRD.

A motion was made for its adoption, and prevailed.

The Committee on Letters now reported. On motion, the Report was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS.

We, the Committee upon Letters, submit the following Report:

No. 1,—Is a Letter from Dr, M. L. Fox, in which he offers want of funds and professional engagements, as an excuse for his absence from this meeting; asks a renewal of his License; and, also, for the next session of the Synod, in Melanchton's Church, N. C.

No. 2,—Is a Letter from Rev. T. Crouse, in which he assigns want of funds, and indisposition, as the reason of his absence from this meeting of Synod. He informs us that he attended the meeting of the N. Carolina Synod, as a corresponding delegate from this body to that, and was cordially received.

No. 3,—Is a Petition from Phanuel, Mount Moriah, Lutheran Union, and St. Martin churches, N, C., praying for ministerial services, by a minister of this Synod.

No. 4,—Is a copy of the action of the Holston Synod, in reference to a closer union between this Synod and that.

No. 5,—Is a Letter, from Rev. J. M. Smith, excusing himself, for absence, on account of want of funds, and great distance to place of meeting.

No. 6,—Is a Letter from Rev. W. H. Cone, who was appointed by the N. C. Synod as corresponding delegate to this body, stating the reason of his absence, &c.

No. 7,—Is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, assigning want of necessary funds, as the reason of his absence from this convention of Synod.

No. 8, Is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz, in which he informs us that he is absent from this meeting of Synod, because of want of necessary funds. He also informs us that, because he could not ascertain the time and place of meeting, he did not attend the meeting of the Holston Synod, as a corresponding delegate from this body. He would have the Synod engage in the work of Home Missions, and, also, devise some plan to secure a better support for the ministry.

No. 9,—Is a Petition from Melanchton church, Randolph County, N. C., praying for the next session of Synod to be held in their church.

No. 10,—Is a letter from Rev. Daniel Efird, in which he asked to be excused for absence from this meeting—and informs us that he and his neighbors are engaged in erecting a building for the use of a first-class Academy, which they are about to establish, and that his presence is, at this time, highly necessary; and he, therefore, hopes that his absence will be excused.

Your Committee recommend that the copy of Report No. 4, and Letter No. 6, be read before Synod, and such action be had as may be necessary.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PETERSON.
A. KOINER.

It was now taken up, and acted upon, item by item:

No. 1.—Rev. M. L. Fox was excused. On motion, his Letter and Journal were placed in the hands of the Examining Committee. The matter refering to the next meeting of Synod was postponed. Rev. Crouse was excused.

No. 3.—It was resolved, That the said Charge, from whence the petition emanates, are recommended to open a correspondence with Rev. T. Miller, of this Synod, Saumsville, Shenandoah County, Va., with a view to his location among them.

The paper referred to in No. 4, was read, and the following resolution offered:

Resolved, That a Committee, of two Ministers and one Lay-man, be appointed, to which the subject of a Joint Synod be referred, charged to report at some future session of the present convention of this Synod.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. Rev. T. Miller preached from 1 Pet. 1, 3.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 18, 3 o'clock, P. M.

After the roll was called, the previous resolution was called up and, after some discussion, the following resolution was offered as a substitute, and lost:

Resolved, That a Committee, of three Ministers, be appointed, to confer with the Committee of the Holston Synod, in relation to a closer union of the two bodies.

The previous resolution was called up and carried.

No. 6.—The letter of Rev. W. H. Cone was read. In regard to it the following resolution was offered, and passed:

Resolved, That we sincerely regret that Rev. W. H. Cone, the Delegate appointed by the North Carolina Synod, was prevented from meeting with us in this session of our Synod.

No. 7 —On motion, brother Moser was excused.

No. 8.—Brother C. Morets was excused, for his non-attendance, and, also, for his failure to attend the Holston Synod, as a delegate, for reasons rendered.

No. 9.—Was deferred.

No 10.—Rev. Efird was excused.

Rev. W. H. Swaney now asked an honorable dismission from this Synod, to the English District of Ohio Synod. On motion, his request was granted.

He now, presented petitions, from the following congregations: Upper

Tract church, Pendleton County, W. Va., St. Paul church, and St. David church, Shenandoah Co., Va.,—praying for Ministerial services; in regard to which, it was *Resolved*, That they be supplied as soon as possible.

On motion, adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, the 19th, at 9 o'clock, A. M.—Prayer by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

Rev. A. Efird preached, at 7 o'clock, P. M., Luke 19, 10.

SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 19, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The roll was called. The Synod opened with appropriate exercises, by Secretary.

The minutes of the previous day were read, and, on motion, approved.

Rev. I. Conder and M. Armentrout asked leave of absence. On motion, their request was granted.

The Committee on President's Report, now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee, on President's Report, has examined that document, and find that no official acts have been performed by that officer, during the past synodical year. He communicates to us the sad intelligence of the death of our esteemed and most worthy brothers in Christ and fellow laborers in the vineyard of our Lord—JACOB STIREWALT and E. E. SMYRE. He, also, calls the attention of Synod to the subject of Beneficiary Education; and urges upon us the necessity of engaging in this important work with the least possible delay, and recommends that a committee be appointed to prepare and report a plan of operations to the present session of Synod, by which this work may be successfully carried on by us.

In regard to our deceased brethren, your committee respectfully recommends that the following resolutions be adopted.

1. Resolved, That we have learned, with feelings of the deepest sorrow, of the death of our dear and well beloved Brethren and fellow servants of our Lord and Master, Jacob Stirewalt and E. E. Smyre.

2. Resolved, That in the death of these brethren we have lost two of our most esteemed, and worthy workmen in our Redeemer's cause, upon earth. And that the Church has sustained a loss not easily repaired. Nevertheless we feel ourselves fully resigned, to this very painful dispensation of Divine Providence, and earnestly pray God, to speedily fill their places, with others equally good and true.

3. Resolved, That, this Synod, hereby expresses her deep and most sincere sympathy, with the family of Brother Stirewalt and also the relations and other friends of Brother Smyre.

Your committee also respectfully recommends that a committee, of two ministers, be appointed, by the President to prepare a circular as soon as possible, addressed to our congregations upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and also that a committee of two ministers and one layman be appointed, to prepare and submit a plan of operations, to the present convention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.
J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, the Report was read, received, and adopted.

On motion, the motion for adoption was reconsidered.

A motion was now made for the adoption of the resolution of the Report, relative to the death of our brethren, by rising—the motion prevailed, unanimously—and that a copy of the resolutions be sent to the family of Rev. J. Stirewalt, and to the relatives of Rev. Smyre, by the corresponding Secretary.

A motion was now made to appoint the Committees recommended in the Report, and carried:—On CIRCULAR LETTER, Revds. A. J. Fox and J. R. Peterson; on BENEFICIARY EDUCATION, Revds. J. Killian and A. Efird, and Maj. A. Koiner.

A motion was now made to append the Circular to the Minutes, and that an extra number of Circulars, equal to the number of Minutes, be printed,

and distributed in proportion to the distribution of the Minutes.

On motion, a substitute was offered, as follows:

Resolved, That only 75 copies of the Circular be printed, and distributed among the Ministers, and that they be requested to read it to their congregations, and enforce it. Lost. The previous Resolution carried.

On motion, the ministers are earnestly requested to read, distribute, and explain the circulars to their people.

The Committee, on sister Synods, now reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SISTER SYNODS.

Your Committee, on the Minutes of other Synods, have examined the several documents placed in our hands.

No. 1, Is, the Minutes of the General Synod of the E. L. Church in the United States. This Synod assembled, in its Twenty-Fourth Convention, in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 13th day of May, 1869. This Synod embraces 22 District Synods. Its officers, for the present term, are: Rev. H. N Pohlman, D. D., President; Rev. L. E Albert, D. D., Secretary; Mr. A. F. Ockerhausen, Treasurer. We find nothing, in these Minutes, which requires the action of this Synod.

No. 2. is, the Minutes of the General Council of the E. L. Church in America. This body held its Second Annual Convention, in Pittsburg, Pa., on the 12th day of November, 1868. This body embraces 13 District Synods, 575 Ministers, 1,101 congregations, and 144,716 communicants. Its Officers, for the present year, are: Rev. C. W. Schæffer, D. D., President; Revds. H. W. Roth, English Secretary; A. Spaeth, Germ. Sec; B. M. Schmucker, Eng. Cor. Sec.; R. Adelberg, Germ. Cor. Sec.; H. H. Muhlenber, M. D., Treasurer. This body, having established herself firmly on the Confessions of our Church, is accomplishing a vast amount of good, and is rapidly restoring the Church, in this country, to soundness in the faith, and bids fair, at no very distant day, to embrace all true Lutherans in America.

No. 3, is, the Minutes of the E. L. Synod of South-Western Virginia. This Synod held its 27th session in Luther Chapel, Washington Co., Va., on the 13th day of August, 1868. Its Officers are: Revds J. A. Brown, President; J. C. Repass, Sec.; E. H. McDonald, Treasurer. This Synod has 18 Ministers, 40 congregations, and 2,543 communicants. She is actively engaged in Educational, Missionary and Beneficiary enterprises.—Rev. E. H. McDonald was appointed delegate to this Synod, but failed to attend. We regret his absence.

No. 4, is, the Minutes of the E. L. Holston Synod. This body held its 7th Annual Meeting in Zion church, Sullivan Co., Tenn., on the 26th day of Sept., 1868. Its Officers are, Revds. J. C. Barb, President; Andrew Rader, Sec.; Adam Knipp, Treasurer. This Synod has in her connection 15 ministers, 25 congregations, and 2,300 communicants.

No. 5 is, the Minutes of the E. L. Synod of S. C. This Synod convened in St. Paul Chruch, Newberry co., on the 15th day of Oct., 1868. Her officers are: Revds. T. S. Boinest, President; Paul Derrick, Secretary; Prof. J. P. Smeltzer, cor. Secretary; and Maj. P. E. Wise, Treasurer. This body has 31 ministers, 59 congregations, and 3,333 communicants. We find nothing in these minutes requiring the action of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.
W. H. SWANEY.
C. C. HENKEL.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Petitions now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

We, your Committee, appointed to report on Petitions sent to this body, beg leave to submit the following:

No 1. Is a petition from St. Peter or Piney-wood Church in Lexington county, South Carolina. Praying the next session of Synod to be held in their Church.

No 2. Is a petition from Pine Church, Shenandoah county Va., Praying for ministeral services, of some minister of this Body.

No 3. Is a petition from St. Stephen Church, Catawba county, N. C. Praying for

the next session of Synod, to be held in their Church.

No 4. Is a petition from Bethlehem Church, Augusta county, Va., urging Synod to take such steps as will enable the work known as, "Luther's Church Postil," to be published in the English Language at an early day.

They also recommend the propriety of the Tennesse Synod becoming united with the General Council of the E. L. Church. They express themselves as being opposed to Districting our Synod, into District Synods, and recommend a closer relationship, with the Penn. Synod by the interchange of Delegates from this to that Synod.

They also recommend, the propriety of introducing in our congregations, the Church Book, of the the General Council of the E. L. Church in America, and are also favorable to Home missions being sustained by our congregations. They also pray that the next Synod be held in their Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. EFIRD.
J S. BENNICK.
E. BOWMAN.

The Report, on motion, was received and acted on, item by item:

Item 1—taken up and deferred for the present.

Item 2.—On motion, Rev. J. S. Bennick was advised to visit said church, and preach for them until further arrangements are made. Item 3, was deferred. Item 4,—the object of the first suggestion had been attained; in regard to the petition of Bethlehem church, in relation to a junction with the General Council, *Be it Resolved*, That this Synod is not at present, prepared to take action on that subject.

Items 5 and 6, were disposed of.

Item 7.—On motion, Piney-wood or St. Peter church, Lexington Co., S. C., was selected as the place, and 10 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday, before the First Sunday, of November, 1870, as the time, for the next Convention of this Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 3 P. M. Prayer by Rev. Bennick. Rev. J. R. Peterson preached from Eph. 4, 8.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called. Rev. J. R. Peterson asked for leave of absence, which was granted. On motion, the following resolutions were passed:

Inasmuch, as the "EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN" has been suspended, and perhaps may fail to make its appearance again, and, Inasmuch, as this Synod regards it as very desirable that some safe and reliable Church paper be read by our people:

RESOLVED, That the "Lutheran and Missionary," be recommended to our congregations, and that our ministers recommend, and labor to induce as many families as possible, to procure and read it.

RESOLVED, That this Synod approve the "BUSY BEE," as a first-class Sunday-School paper, and recommend it to all our congregations.

RESOLVED. That we regard the Compend of Lutheran Theology, by Dr. Leonard Hutter, as a most useful Book, well calculated to afford all the necessary information upon all points of Lutheran Theology, in a plain and easy manner, and we most cheerfully recommend it to our people, and that all our pastors make efforts to disseminate it among their congregations.

The Committee on Beneficiary Education now reported. Adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEFCIAIRY EDUCATION.

Your Committee, appointed to prepare a plan for Beneficiary Education, and submit it to this session of Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

I. That, owing to the want of sufficient time, we find it impossible to mature such a plan as we think would be necessary, to enable us to operate successfully, in this important enterprise of the Church. We, therefore, respectfully ask Synod to continue the committee, to the next convention of Synod—so that we may have sufficient time to mature it.

II. That, we respectfully recommend to Synod, the importance and necessity of urging our Ministers to take up collections, at an early day, to raise funds to enable J. Surewalt, and others, to prosecute their studies for the Gospel Ministry.

III. That, whatever money may be raised by the Synod, for Beneficiary purposes, be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, and that he pay out the money, upon the order of the President of Synod, countersigned by the Secretary.

IV. That the Treasurer be requested to report, to the next meeting of Synod, the am't of money coming into his hands, and the amounts paid over by him to the Beneficiaries of the Synod, with proper vouchers.

V. We further recommend, that the Officers of the Synod be appointed an Executive Committee, to decide upon the merits of the applicants for aid from the funds of the Synod.

VI. We recommend further, that the Beneficiaries of Synod be requested to report to Synod at her next meeting, a Certificate from their teachers, of their moral standing, and progress and proficiency in their studies.

Respectfully submitted,

J. KILLIAN,
A. EFIRD.

The COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION now presented the following Report, which was adopted:

Your Committee, on Examination and Ordination, have examined the Journal and manuscript sermon, furnished by Licentiate Dr. M. L. Fox, and would submit the following: We find, from the Journal, that he has been, during the past year, actively engaged in the work of the Ministry; and are happy to say his Sermon is very clear and expressive in style, and the doctrines contained in it are sound and scriptural. We respectfully recommend that his License be renewed.

A. EFIRD.
J. KILLIAN,

The Committee on the subject of Joint or Branch Synods, now reported a Majority Report, which on motion was received and adopted:

MAJORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOINT OR BRANCH SYNODS.

Your Committee, on the subject of a Joint Synod or Branch Synods, has examined the matter, as far as we have had opportunity, and regard such an organization as very desirable—provided, some safe ground of union can be traced out, and we regard this as, at least, possible. We regard the calling of a Convention of all concerned, at as early a day as practicable, as the best plan; and would, therefore, propose, to our brethren of the E. L. Holston Synod, to meet us, in Convention, as soon after the rising of this Synod in the year 1870, as may be convenient, in Grace church, Catawba Co., N. C.—as this is one of the most central points. And that they, then, enter into a free conference with us, upon this subject, and endeavor to agree upon some safe plan by which the end may be consummated.

1. RESOLVED, Therefore, That a copy of this Report be forwarded by the Cor. Sec. of this Synod to the Chairman of the Committee appointed by that Synod to correspond with us upon this subject.

2. RESOLVED, That the Committee of the Holston Synod, charged with this matter, be requested to furnish the Cor. Sec., as soon as possible after the rising of their Synod, with a copy of their proceedings.

3. RESOLVED, That, if our proposition to call a Convention is complied with, the time of the meeting of this Convention be fixed upon at the next meeting of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.
J. KILLIAN.

On motion, the following Resolutions were passed:

RESOLVED, That this Synod hereby tenders its most sincere thanks to the members of Emanuel church, and the citizens of this town, generally, for the kind and generous hospitality they have extended to us, during our stay in their midst.

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the present session of this Synod, be printed at as early a period as can be conveniently done: and, that one copy be sent to each E. Lutheran Synod in the Southern States, and that two copies be sent to the General Synod in N. A. two to the Pennsylvania Synod; two copies to the General Council, and three to each of the Ministers of this Synod.

On motion, Rev. S. Henkel was appointed Corresponding Delegate to the Pennsylvania Synod, Rev. J. Killian, alternate; Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, to the Holston Synod; Rev. J. R. Peterson to the North Carolina Synod; Rev. J. Killian, to the E. L. Synod of S. West Virginia, (to open correspondence); Rev. I. Conder, to Virginia Synod; and Rev. A. Efird to S. Carolina Synod. Adjourned, to meet Wednesday, October 20.

NINTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 20, 9 O'clock, A. M.

Synod opened as usual. On motion, excused absentees were marked on the roll by a *—absent and unexcused, by a †. The following was passed in regard to Rev. Seneker:

WHEREAS, Rev. J. E. Seneker appeared and answered to his name, and afterwards absented himself without asking the consent of Synod, and is, therefore, somewhat censurable; but, from information now before this Synod, relative to the cause of his absence, and, in consequence, of his expressed desire to be with us,—RESOLVED, That his absence be excused.

The Committee now reported on the subject of Baptism, as follows. Adopted:

The Committee, to Report an expression of this Synod in regard to the question, Whether a Minister is justifiable in receiving individuals into the Church, who were baptized by immersion, and have not been baptized by a simultaneous application of Water and the Word? ask to be excused from Reporting on this subject now, as it is one which requires a thorough investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON.
S. HENKEL.
A. J. FOX.

On motion, brother Orebaugh obtained leave of absence. A motion was now made to take up the subject of Beneficiary Education; pending which, On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet at 3 P. M. Prayer, by Rev. J. S. Bennick. Preaching by Rev. A. J. Fox, from 1 John, 1, 5-7.

TENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 3 O'clock, P. M.

On motion the Resolution, in regard to the Circulars, was reconsidered, and it was

RESOLVED, That the Circulars be printed separate from the Minutes, and that Five Hundred be printed, and distributed in proportion to the distribution of the minutes.

On motion, the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED, That the President appoint a Committee, whose duty it shall be, to direct the attention of the congregations, composing the charge lately served by brother J. STIREWALT, to the propriety of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of their faithful Pastor.—COMMITTEE: Messrs. George Arehart, John Whitmire, George Filtzmoyer, J. R. Miller, Wm. M. Sibert, and Jacob Miller.

A call was now made for Applicants for the Ministry: M. A. ADERHOLT and JNO. N. STIREWALT requested their names to be placed before Synod, as applicants for the Ministry. On motion, they were received. A Committee of Three was appointed to hold a colloquium, with these young men, in regard to their wants, relative to aid. COMMITTEE:—Revds. J. Killian and A. J. Fox, and Maj. A. Koiner. The Committee, after retirement, reported as follows:

Your Committee, appointed to hold a Colloquium with Brothers J. N. Stirewalt, and M. A. Aderhold, who have made application to this Synod, to be received under her care, as students of Theology, respectfully report, That the young gentlemen have made considerable progress in their literary pursuits, and that they will be able to graduate in about two years. We are, also, satisfied that their Christian deportment is blameless. We respectfully recommend that, if they at any future day should need aid from the Beneficiary Fund of this Synod, that aid be given them.

On motion, the following Resolution, on the history of Tennessee Synod, was passed:

RESOLVED, That a Committee of Two be appointed, to procure a suitable person to prepare a concise history of this Synod, and have it published in the LUTHERAN AND MISSIONARY, and any other paper they may deem best. COMMITTEE—L. M. Zirkle and C. C. Henkel.

Revds. J. R. Peterson and W. H. Swaney, Committee on Treasurer's Report, reported, That they had audited that Officer's account, and found it correct.

Received, from former Treasurer, $17 10; Synodical Contributions, $59 05	$76 15
Expended, as per vouchers exhibited,	35 50
Leaving, Balance on hand, transferrd to present Treasurer,	$40 65

On motion, the Minutes were adopted, *as a whole.*

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet at the time and place already designated. Closed with Prayer.

SOCRATES HENKEL, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

	MINISTERS.	Entered the Ministry,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Bapt'ms Adults.	Bapt'ms Infants,	Confirmations,	Funerals,	No. of Sunday Schools,	Synodical Contributions,
1	Rev. A. J. FOX,	1838	7	1025	4	60	76	16	5	1385
2	" A. EFIRD,	1847	5	450	2	35	25	8	3	525
3	" D. EFIRD,	1852	4	490		51	20	11		300
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8	" S. HENKEL,	1850	6	545	8	37	36	23	3	370
9	" C. MORETZ,	1852	4	450	6	19	18			180
10	" J M. SMITH,	1856	4	600						505
11	" T. MOSER,	1844	3							250
12	" W. H. SWANEY,	1867	2	190	2	36	17	7		
13	" J. S. BENNICK,	1866			2	15		6		
14	" J. KILLIAN,		2	224				1		100
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MINUTES.

FRIDAY, October 15, 1869—11 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened in Emanuel Church, New Market, Shenandoah county, Va.

In the absence of the officers of the Synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson was appointed President, *pro tem.*, and Rev. A. Efird, Secretary.

The meeting was then opened with appropriate exercises, Rev. J. R. Peterson leading.

The Clerical Roll was then called and the absentees noted; the Lay-delegates presented their certificates of election.

CLERICAL ROLL.

	NAMES.	ADDRESS.
1.	Rev. A. Henkel,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
2.	" H. Goodman,*	Statesville, Iredell Co., N. C.
3.	" C. G. Reitzel,*	Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
4.	" J. Killian,	Waynesboro, Augusta, Co., Va.
5.	" J. R. Moser,*	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
6.	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C.
7.	" H. Wetzel,†	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va.
8.	" P. C. Henkel,	Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
9.	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C.
10.	" T. Moser,*	
11.	" G. Schmucker,†	Upper Tract, Pendleton Co., W. Va.
12.	" A. Efird,	Lexington, Lexington Co., S. C.
13.	" T. Crouse,*	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.
14.	" S. Henkel,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
15.	" D. Efird,*	Frog Level, S. C.
16.	" C. Moretz,*	Boone, Watauga Co., N. C.
17.	" J. E. Seneker,*	Waynesboro, Augusta Co.. Va.
18.	" J. M. Smith,*	Catawba Station, Catawba Co., N. C.
19.	" I. Condor,	McGaheyesville, Rockingham Co. Va.
20.	" T. Miller,	Saumsville, Shenandoah Co., Va.
21.	" J. S. Bennick,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
22.	" W. H. Swaney,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.

LICENTIATE.

23.	M. L. Fox,*	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.

LAY DELEGATES.

Dr. C. C. Henkel,	Emanuel Church, New Market, Va.
Mr. Samuel Filtzmoyer,	Pine Church, Va.
Mr. George Zirkle,	Solomon's Church, Va.
Maj. A. Koiner,	Bethlehem Church, Va.
Mr. E. Bowman,	Zion Church, Va.
Mr. M. A. Aderholt,	St. Marks, Daniel, Salem, Grace, Trinity, Bethpage, Sardis Ch's., N. C.

* Absent, excused. † Absent, not excused.

NAMES.	CONGREGATIONS.
Mr. George, Lohr,	Kipp's School House, Va.
Mr. George Arehart,	Rader Church, Va.
Mr. Michael Armentrout,	Trinity Church, Va.
Mr. Jacob Miller,	St. Paul's Church, Va.
Mr. Cyrus Pence,	McGaheysville Church, Va.
Mr. D. K. Orebaugh,	St. Paul's Church, Va.
Mr. R. Nauman,	St. William's Church, Va.
Mr. I. Printz,	Mt. Calvary Church, Va.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet after preaching. Rev. A. Efird preached from Heb. 13, 1.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The house was called to order. The roll was called. On motion, the President's report was read. On motion, it was received.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord:—Through the favor of a kind and indulgent Heavenly Father, another Synodical year has rolled around, and we are again assembled in Synodical Convention. We who are alive and here to-day, have much reason to be thankful to the Giver of all good for the innumerable blessings he has in great mercy bestowed upon us. Whilst we live in the noonday of Gospel light, and enjoy the blessings of the pure word of God, and the Holy Sacraments; there are many who are destitute of these heavenly gifts. These are ours to preserve and transmit to future generations. Are we not, then, under the greatest obligations to labor to give the bread of life to the thousands, who are famishing for the want of it, and should not we, who are so highly favored, be filled with gratitude and praise to our most gracious Father in heaven.

As the presiding officer of Synod, I have not found it necessary to perform any official acts during the past year, and therefore have nothing of that sort to report. But it becomes my duty to announce to you that very recently two of our most efficient ministers have been called from their work here below to their reward above.

It is painful to record that it has pleased Almighty God our heavenly Father, to remove from the stage of action, and the field of usefulness upon earth, our beloved brother in the ministry, Rev. E. E. Smyer. He departed this life on the 16th day of August, 1869. He was called off in the prime of life and heighth of his usefulness, to his reward beyond the grave.

No less painful is the duty incumbent upon me to announce to you the tidings of Father Jacob Stirewalt, of New Market, Va., having also been removed by the relentless hand of death. He departed this life on the 25th day of August, 1869. Thus, within ten days of each other, the Lord has afflicted us by the removal of two names from the catalogue of our living ministers. In this very sad dispensation of our heavenly Father, he loudly proclaims to us that our duty is to be up and about our Master's business, with all our might; for the night of death will soon come. As watchmen, let us bear the word from the mouth of God, and faithfully warn the wicked—and occupy until our great Master says come up higher.

The number of our ministers has always been too small to meet the many demands upon us for clerical services, which has always been a matter of deep solicitude with us; but when death comes, and in so short a time re-

moves two brethren from amongst us, possessing such abilities and usefulness; it is exceedingly painful and afflicting to know that our very small number is still being diminished. By death and removal to other fields of labor our clerical strength has become so diminutive, that a very wide field is left to be cultivated by but few of us; whilst many more in our beloved Zion, than we can supply, are constantly calling to us for the bread of life. Such has long been, and now is, the state of things among us, that very few young men, who possess the requisite qualifications, can be induced to embark in the arduous work of the Holy Ministry. In this most sad state of affairs, what is to be done to meet these very urgent demands? What are we doing, what have we ever done, to remove the difficulty? Ministers we need, and ministers we must have, and that very soon, or much of the ground we now occupy will be lost to us, and it is to be greatly feared that it will be lost in a great degree to the Lutheran Church. Brethren, are you willing that this should be so? Nay, verily we must arouse, and better do our duty, or a fearful account must be rendered to our Divine Master for our neglect.

It seems to me that the time has come for us to do more to encourage suitable young men to undertake the work of the ministry, than we are now doing, or ever have done. We should more earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his vineyard. We should speak to those members of our congregations, who have promising sons in their families, about these things, and encourage them to thus dedicate them to the Lord. And we should also converse with the pious, talented young men of our congregations, about the pressing demands for ministers, and do all that we can to induce them to undertake the work. And as we will certainly find many of these young men who have not the pecuniary means to procure such literary and theological attainments as are requisite in this enlightened age of the world; it seems to me, that it is the bounden duty of the Church, who needs and demands these services of her young men, to furnish them the necessary means, and I, therefore, most earnestly recommend that a committee of suitable size, be appointed, early in the present session of this Synod, charged to prepare and report to the present convention, some suitable plan of beneficiary education.

There are several other matters of interest, to which I would call your attention were I not confident that the various Committees of this Synod have given them due consideration, and will embrace them, in proper form, in their reports to Synod.

As Ministers and Laymen, I trust, we all truly love our Church, and fondly cherish her institutions, and desire her prosperity; let us pray that she may be successful in all her well appointed enterprises. And may we all for the future be more active, energetic, and zealous, in the upbuilding of our beloved Lutheran Zion. And now may the peace of God; which passeth all understanding, be upon us, and may his Spirit direct us, in all our deliberations in this convention, and for all the coming days of our lives. Amen.

J. M. SMITH.

An election for Officers was now held, and resulted in the election of

REV. T. MILLER,	PRESIDENT,
" S. HENKEL,	RECORDING SECRETARY,
" A. J. FOX,	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
" J. S. BENNICK,	TREASURER.

Rev. D. M. Henkel, Delegate from the Pennsylvania Synod, was introduced, and on motion was cordially received. He, then, addressed the Synod, in a few very appropriate remarks, both in regard to his former connection with this Synod, and in reference to the great good that must result from

a more intimate intercourse between these Synods, and from a union with the General Council.

On motion, the hours for the meetings of Synod were fixed at 9 o'clock, A. M., and at 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, adjourned, to meet on Saturday, the 16th, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Dismissed with Benediction.

Rev. Dr. Fox preached, at 7 o'clock, P. M., from John 17, 3.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, Oct. 16, 1869, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. The devotional exercises were conducted by the President.

The roll was called. The minutes read and approved.

The papers and documents, intended for Synod, were called for and presented.

On motion, Mr. J. N. Stirewalt was invited to a seat among us.

On motion, Rule 13, of the Order of Business, was rescinded.

The following Committees were appointed:

On MINUTES OF OTHER SYNODS.—Revds. A. J. Fox, Wm. H. Swaney, and Dr. C. C. Henkel.

On PETITIONS.—Revds. A. Efird, J. S. Bennick, and Mr. E. Bowman.

On LETTERS.—Revds. J. R. Peterson, I. Conder, and Maj. A. Koiner.

On UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Revds. J. Killian, P. C. Henkel, and Mr. M. A. Aderholt.

On PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, and Rev. J. R. Peterson.

On EXAMINATION.—Revds. A. Efird and J. Killian.

On STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Revds. A. J. Fox and A. Efird.

On TREASURER'S REPORT.— evds. J. R. Peterson and Wm. H. Swaney.

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod hail with joy the appearance of **Dr. Luther's Church-Postil on the Epistles**, in the English language, published by the New Market Evangelical Lutheran Publishing Company, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va., and that each Minister is hereby earnestly requested to recommend this work to his people.

On motion, two resolutions offered by Maj. A. Koiner, were laid on the table, for the present.

On motion, Mr. D. S. Henkel was invited to a seat among us.

Rev. P. C. Henkel now requested Synod to give an expression as to whether a Minister is justifiable in receiving individuals into the Church who were baptized by immersion, and who have not been baptized by the application of water. In regard to this, the following action was taken:

"Inasmuch as an expression of the Synod has been asked, as to the validity of Baptism administered by Baptist ministers,

Be it resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report an expression of this Synod, upon this subject, to the present session of this Synod."

Committee—Revds. J. R. Peterson, S. Henkel, and A. J. Fox.

Preaching, by Rev. I Conder, from John 1, 17.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called.

On motion, Rev. Solomon Funk, of the Baptist church, was invited to a seat with us.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, now reported;

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, the Committee appointed to report on the Unfinished Business, of the last annual Synod, would beg leave to submit the following:

Item I, page 12.—We find that Rev. T. Moser and other ministers were requested to visit the several congregations designated. Was this request complied with?

Item II, page 12.—Rev. C. Moretz, and others, were requested to attend to the wants of several vacant congregations. Has this request been carried out?

Item III, page 12.—A committee was appointed to report to this meeting in regard to the Book of Worship. Is this committee prepared to report?

Item IV, page 13.—We find that a committee was appointed to confer with the members of the Catawba Mission, as to the wishes of the same. Has the Committee performed its duty?

Item V, page 13.—It is seen that a committee was continued, to report on a question of Church discipline. Is it ready to report?

Item VI, page 13—We find that the committee on union with the General Synod, &c., was continued. Is it ready to report?

Item VII, page 16.—We find that a committee of One was appointed to open a correspondence with some of the most prominent members of the Holston Synod, &c., and report the result, &c. Is he prepared to report?

Respectfully submitted,

J. KILLIAN.
P. C. HENKEL.
M. A. ADERHOLT.

On motion, the above report was received.

The Corresponding Secretary reported. On motion it was received:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—During the past year, very little official correspondence, in writing, has been found necessary. The Minutes of the last convention of our Synod were duly received, and have been generally distributed as directed by the action of the Synod. The minutes of several Synods have been received, and will be submitted at this session of Synod.

The contents of these Minutes would have been noted and embraced in this report, as is usually done by the Corresponding Secretary of other Synods, —but, inasmuch as we have a *standing committee*, whose duty it is to make a report, embracing all the important items contained in the Minutes of sister Synods, it seemed unnecessary to do this. The duty assigned me, as a Committee of One, in regard to the project of a Joint Synod, has been performed, and will be submitted in a seperate report.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

Rev. J. R. Peterson gave notice that at the next meeting of Synod, a motion will be made to discontinue No. 7, of the *Standing Committees*.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken up and considered by items:

Items 1 and 2, were found to have each been complied with.

Item 3, in regard to the Book of Worship, was taken up, and, relative to it, the Committee was continued, to report at this meeting, if called upon, if not, then, at the next meeting of Synod. On motion, Rev. Conder was added to the Committee, in place of Rev. J. Stirewalt, dec'd.

Item 4.—The Committee made the following report, which was adopted:—

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CATAWBA MISSION.

Your committee, to whom the duty of meeting and conferring with members of the congregations in the Catawba Mission, in regard to their willingness to become an integral part of this Synod, as proposed by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, of which they are members; would

inform you, that this duty was performed on the 21st and 22d days of Nov., 1868. On the 21st, we had an appointment at Thyatira church, and, after the Chairman preaching a sermon, the object of our visit was stated, and an interview was had with the male members, who were present. But, as all were not present, it was thought most prudent to postpone the matter, until all could be consulted, and then report to the committee. On the 22d, the chairman of the committee met and preached to a large congregation in the church at Newton, and then stated the object of the visit. And, in the afternoon, a private interview, with the members present, was held, and, after much conversation concerning the matter, the same conclusion was arrived at, as on the previous day.

On the 19th day of last April, I was informed by one of the Elders of the church at Newton, that, although it was desirable with the members of their congregation that the propositions of their Synod be met, upon examination it had been ascertained that the title is such as to present insuperable obstacles to a separation from the North Carolina Synod.

On the 3d day of August, we met the Elders of Thyatira church and were informed by them, that as Newton could not separate from the N. C. Synod without sacrificing their church property, they had concluded to await fuller developments, also. Both of these congregations are desirous to have ministerial services from ministers of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. Fox.

Item 5 was considered, and, in reference to it, the following report was received, and the committee was continued, to report at next meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH DISCIPLINE.

Your Committee, appointed year before last, and continued last year, to report upon certain questions of Church Discipline, submitted to this Synod by the Southern Conference, found itself unable to report satisfactorily last year, because there were certain other matters of great importance before the Synod, which have a decided bearing upon these questions. And, this year finds your Committee no less embarrassed by these matters, because final action has not yet been had. Consequently, the Chairman of your Committee has not thought it necessary to call its members together,—and, would most respectfully ask Synod to consider the propriety of continuing this subject, and, either discharge this Committee or continue it, as she may think most advisable.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX, Chairman.

Item 6 was now taken up and, in reference to it, the following report was offered, received, and approved:

REPORT ON UNION WITH GENERAL SYNOD.

Your Committee, upon the question of Union of this Synod with the General Synod in N. A., has not yet had a meeting and, therefore, is unable to render any Report to this session of the Synod. The Chairman of this Committee deems it his duty, if permitted to do so, to make a brief statement of reasons why his Committee has not been assembled.

At the time this Committee was appointed there seemed to be few, if any, obstacles to the contemplated union. But, in the course of the Synodical year, it was ascertained that a few of the prominent members of our own Synod were not fully prepared to assent to such a union. Through our public Church Journals it also became apparent that, although the General Synod, in her action at Staunton, Va., had formally and, no doubt, in good faith, so far as a decided majority of the members of that session were concerned, complied with the conditions proposed by our Synod, there were quite a number of the clerical members of the different Synods in her connection, who entirely dissented from the doctrinal basis she had assumed. This state of things gave rise to animated discussions in the Church papers, often conducted in not the most friendly manner. Other issues were, also, raised. Considering all these things, it was found that these conflicting elements would, in the end, come into such violent collision as would cause the General

Synod to disband, and, should the Tennessee Synod unite with her, such commotion would result in more injury than good to us. Under all the circumstances, the Chairman of your Committee thought that it would be prudent to await fuller developments, and, with such feelings and views, he went before the last session of our Synod and respectfully asked a continuance of his Committee—fondly hoping that, by this time, things would have developed themselves so fully that a satisfactory report could be made PRO or CON. But whilst, in some quarters at least, things are assuming a very hopeful aspect, the General Synod has not yet had a meeting and, although things are more quiet, generally, it is evident that the final decision has not yet been made. But, there is litle doubt that, within the next Synodical year, all will be determined in such a manner as to enable us to see our way clearly, as to our future course in regard to this proposed union.—Therefore, I would most respectfully ask, in the name of the Committee, that it be continued one year more.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX, CHAIRMAN.

Item 7 was taken up and, in regard to it, the following Report was offered, and laid on the table:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOINT SYNOD.

Your Committee, appointed to open correspondence with some of the most prominent members of the E. L. Holston Synod upon the subject of a Joint Synod, to embrace all the different portions of Synodical territory formerly and at present in connection with the E. L. Tennessee Synod, hereby inform this Synod that the duty assigned has been discharged, and now submit the following Report:

On the 27th day of June, 1869, I addressed a letter to brethren A. J. Brown, J. K Hancher, J. C. Barb, and Andrew Rader, containing, in connection with some remarks of my own, the entire proceeding of this Synod, in her session of 1868, in regard to the project of union of all the ministers and congregations who formerly, and at present, belong to the E. L. Tennessee Synod. A copy of this letter is herewith submitted.

About the middle of July, I received an answer from brother Rader, to this letter, in which he expresses his earnest approval of the proposed measure, and assures me that he would use his utmost endeavors to have his Synod adopt such resolutions as he hopes will be instrumental in effecting the proposed union. This letter is likewise submitted.

Soon after, I received a communication from Prof. Barb, the President of the Holston Synod, expressing his decided endorsement of our proposition, and stating that, as the Presiding Officer of his Synod, he would earnestly recommend the measure to the favorable consideration of the Synod, and urge the adoption of such resolutions as would favor the union proposed by our Synod. This letter is, also, submitted.

Not, until about the middle of August, did I receive a letter from Prof. Brown. He expressed himself somewhat undecided in his views concerning this matter; nevertheless, he expressed himself decidedly in favor of the proposed union, provided it could be effected in such a manner as not to interfere with the present relations sustained by the Holston Synod to the General Synod in North America. This letter is, also, laid before you.

From some cause or other, I have received no reply from brother Hancher. I presume, however, that this is owing to my not having addressed the letter to Mill Point, but to Blountsville, Tennessee.

After the adjournment of the Holston Synod, this year, I addressed a letter to each, Professors Brown and Barb, making inquiry as to the proceedings of the Holston Synod, in regard to the question of union, and, on the 24th day of September, I received a reply, from brother Barb, containing the several items of their transactions, relating to this matter, and, also, expressing his very earnest desire for the contemplated union to be effected; also, that a Committee was appointed to forward a copy of these proceedings to our Synod, from which you will see that, upon certain conditions, our brethren of that Synod favor the organization of a Joint Synod, This letter is submitted to you.

On the 28th day of Sept., I received, from Prof. Brown, an answer to my letter of inquiry, in which he informs me that the transactions of his Synod have been placed in the hands of a Committee, of which brother J. M. Wagner is Chairman, with instructions to report to our Synod. He states that it is, nearly unanimously, their opinion, that the only way in which a union can be effected is, by the Tennessee Synod uniting with the General Synod in N. A. He regards this as the true line of policy, for our Synod. This letter also, I submit to the consideration of Synod.

Your Committee recommend, that a Committee of Five—three ministers and two laymen—be appointed, to whom this matter be committed, with instructions, to report a plan of union, to this session of Synod. Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.

The Committee on the state of the Church now reported. On motion, the Report was received, and laid on the table.

Synod adjourned, to meet on Monday, the 18th. Prayer by Rev. Swaney.

Rev. J. R. Peterson preached, at 7 o'clock, P. M., from Ps. 84, 11.

SUNDAY, Oct. 17.

At 9½ o'clock, A. M., a Funeral sermon was preached, in Emanuel church, by the *pastor loci*, on the death of SAMUEL H., son of Mr. JOSEPH HUPP. The several pulpits in the town were, at the regular morning hour, occupied as follows: St. Matthew, Rev. Dr. Fox; Methodist, Rev. J. R. Peterson; Emanuel, Rev. P. C. Henkel. These respective churches were well filled, and a feeling of devotion and deep interest seemed to prevail. After preaching, in Emanuel church, Confession and Absolution were held, and the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants. During the protracted exercises, a feeling of solemn, attentive meditation pervaded the whole assembly. At 7 o'clock, Rev. D. M. Henkel preached, from 1 Cor. 16, 13.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 18, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met; devotional exercises conducted by the President; roll called; proceedings read, and, on motion, were received, amended, and approved.

The Report of the Committee, on the state of the Church, which was laid on the table the previous day, was called for, and again read. On motion the Report was re-committed.

The Committee on Treaurer's Report, now reported. On motion, the Report was received, and adopted.

The Report, re-committed, was returned, amended. A motion was now made for its adoption. The motion was withdrawn. The Report was again re-committed. G. R. Calvert, Esq., of the *Shenandoah Valley*, being present, was invited to a seat among us.

The re-committed Report was returned again and read:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee, on the state of the Church, owing to its limited means for obtaining information from the different portions of our widely extended territory, can only make a partial statement of facts.

Our congregations in the State of South Carolina are all statedly supplied with the preaching of the Gospel, and the regular administrations of the Holy Sacraments, and enjoy their usual prosperity.

In North Carolin, all the congregations, which are regularly under the care of pastors, may be said to be progressing as well as formerly; but, there are several pastoral charges vacant, because of the want of a sufficient number of ministers to supply them; and most of the Charges, that have the stated services of a pastor, are entirely too extensive; and, consequently, as a whole, our Church is not in condition to prosper as much as is desirable.

Our congregations in Virginia, have been better cared for, than in either of the Carolinas. Pastoral charges have not been so extensive, and, therefore, ministers had more leisure to attend to the spiritual interests of their people.

The recent death of our much esteemed brother, Rev. JACOB STIREWALT, has made vacant an extensive field of labor. And, the death of our esteemed young brother, Rev. E. E. SMYRE, has also diminished our resources considerably. Several Pastorates in N. C. are vacant, and we have no ministers to send there. And what renders the difficulty still greater, we have not a single young man who is ready to take the field, nor have any considerable number, who, as far as we are informed, began to prepare, or even to look forward to the office of the ministry. Under this very sad state of things, there seems to your Committee to be great danger that some, at least, of our present congregations, will finally be compelled to sever their connection with us, and seek other relations. And we, as things now are, our congregations only half supplied, as they are in our larger charges,

are in danger of losing many of our younger members; urged, as they constantly are, by those proselyting spirits who, like birds of prey, are hovering around us, and making every possible effort to strengthen themselves by diminishing our numbers.

It seems to your Committee, that the time has come for our Synod to awake to a deeper sense of the very important duty of engaging in the several enterprises in which every other Synod, in this country, is successfully at work.—and by which means the Lutheran Church was founded, and for a long time maintained in America. Every other Synod is, more or less, engaged in the work of Missions, and Beneficiary Education, and are accomplishing an immense amount of good. As a Synod, we stand alone, inactive, in these things; and, it seems to your Committee that, if we continue thus to stand, many of our congregations will soon cease to flourish, will dwindle down and, in no very long time, die out—and the fearful responsibility will rest on us. It is our duty to supply all our vacant congregations with a well-educated, faithful Ministry and, also, to extend our borders as rapidly as possible. There are many reasons why this should be done, a few of them your Committee beg leave to submit to your careful consideration, at this meeting of the Synod.

Nearly all professing Christians have a well-educated Ministry; every portion of our Church has an educated Ministry. It is necessary that our Ministers should be well educated, or, we will fall so far behind others, that our Ministry will fail to command a sufficient degree of respect to secure success. Our people are educating their sons and daughters much better than formerly—and, unless our Ministry possess liberal Literary attainments, these young people will, in too many instances, become disgusted with the ignorance of our preachers and, finding more intelligence in other denominations, will attach themselves to them, and be lost to our Church. To avoid these things, there seems, to your Committee, but one way left us; and that is, at once, to engage in some safe plan of Beneficiary Education. In order to be successful in such an enterprise, your Committee thinks that, a Committee of two should be appointed, to prepare a Pastoral Letter, upon this subject and have it appended to the minutes of our present convention; and, that a resolution be adopted, making it the duty of all our pastors to read this letter, publicly, before a full congregation of all their members; and, that another Committee be appointed, to prepare a suitable plan of operations, and lay it before this meeting. And, that a resolution also. be adopted, requesting all our Pastors. at some convenient time, say immediately after reading the Circular, for taking collections for this purpose.

To facilitate this work, your Committee would recommend, immediate steps to be taken, either to take interest in North Carolina College, or some other one of the Literary Institutions of our Church, in this country.

Your Committee is of opinion that, that present state of the Church loudly calls for a proper re-construction of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in the shape of a Joint Convention, as recommended by the President of last year, in his Annual Report—and, ultimately, attach herself to either the General Synod in North America, or the General Council, as may be found more advisable.

Many other matters of interest might be mentioned, but this Report is long enough.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.
A. EFIRD.

A motion was made for its adoption, and prevailed.

The Committee on Letters now reported. On motion, the Report was received and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS.

We, the Committee upon Letters, submit the following Report:

No. 1,—Is a Letter from Dr, M. L. Fox, in which he offers want of funds and professional engagements, as an excuse for his absence from this meeting; asks a renewal of his License; and, also, for the next session of the Synod, in Melanchton's Church, N. C.

No. 2,—Is a Letter from Rev. T. Crouse, in which he assigns want of funds, and indisposition, as the reason of his absence from this meeting of Synod. He informs us that he attended the meeting of the N. Carolina Synod, as a corresponding delegate from this body to that, and was cordially received.

No. 3,—Is a Petition from Phannel, Mount Moriah, Lutheran Union, and St. Martin churches, N, C., praying for ministerial services, by a minister of this Synod.

No. 4.—Is a copy of the action of the Holston Synod, in reference to a closer union between this Synod and that.

No. 5,—Is a Letter, from Rev. J. M. Smith, excusing himself, for absence, on account of want of funds, and great distance to place of meeting.

No. 6,—Is a Letter from Rev. W. H. Cone, who was appointed by the N. C. Synod as corresponding delegate to this body, - stating the reason of his absence, &c.

No. 7,—Is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, assigning want of necessary funds, as the reason of his absence from this convention of Synod.

No. 8, Is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz, in which he informs us that he is absent from this meeting of Synod, because of want of necessary funds. He also informs us that, because he could not ascertain the time and place of meeting, he did not attend the meeting of the Holston Synod, as a corresponding delegate from this body. He would have the Synod engage in the work of Home Missions, and, also, devise some plan to secure a better support for the ministry.

No. 9,—Is a Petition from Melanchton church, Randolph County, N. C., praying for the next session of Synod to be held in their church.

No. 10,—Is a letter from Rev. Daniel Efird, in which he asked to be excused for absence from this meeting—and informs us that he and his neighbors are engaged in erecting a building for the use of a first-class Academy, which they are about to establish, and that his presence is, at this time, highly necessary; and he, therefore, hopes that his absence will be excused.

Your Committee recommend that the copy of Report No. 4, and Letter No. 6, be read before Synod, and such action be had as may be necessary.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PETERSON.
A. KOINER.

It was now taken up, and acted upon, item by item:

No. 1.—Rev. M. L. Fox was excused. On motion, his Letter and Journal were placed in the hands of the Examining Committee. The matter referring to the next meeting of Synod was postponed. Rev. Crouse was excused.

No. 3.—It was resolved, That the said Charge, from whence the petition emanates, are recommended to open a correspondence with Rev. T. Miller, of this Synod, Saumsville, Shenandoah County, Va., with a view to his location among them.

The paper referred to in No. 4, was read, and the following resolution offered:

Resolved, That a Committee, of two Ministers and one Lay-man, be appointed, to which the subject of a Joint Synod be referred, charged to report at some future session of the present convention of this Synod.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock. Rev. T. Miller preached from 1 Pet. 1, 3.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 18, 3 o'clock, P. M.

After the roll was called, the previous resolution was called up and, after some discussion, the following resolution was offered as a substitute, and lost:

Resolved, That a Committee, of three Ministers, be appointed, to confer with the Committee of the Holston Synod, in relation to a closer union of the two bodies.

The previous resolution was called up and carried.

No. 6.—The letter of Rev. W. H. Cone was read. In regard to it the following resolution was offered, and passed:

Resolved, That we sincerely regret that Rev. W. H. Cone, the Delegate appointed by the North Carolina Synod, was prevented from meeting with us in this session of our Synod.

No. 7.—On motion, brother Moser was excused.

No. 8.—Brother C. Morets was excused, for his non-attendance, and, also, for his failure to attend the Holston Synod, as a delegate, for reasons rendered.

No. 9.—Was deferred.

No 10.—Rev. Efird was excused.

Rev. W. H. Swaney now asked an honorable dismission from this Synod, to the English District of Ohio Synod. On motion, his request was granted.

He now, presented petitions, from the following congregations: Upper

Tract church, Pendleton County, W. Va., St. Paul church, and St. David church, Shenandoah Co., Va.,—praying for Ministerial services; in regard to which, it was *Resolved*, That they be supplied as soon as possible.

On motion, adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, the 19th, at 9 o'clock, A. M.—Prayer by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

Rev. A. Efird preached, at 7 o'clock, P. M., Luke 19, 10.

SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 19, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The roll was called. The Synod opened with appropriate exercises, by Secretary.

The minutes of the previous day were read, and, on motion, approved.

Rev. I. Conder and M. Armentrout asked leave of absence. On motion, their request was granted.

The Committee on President's Report, now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee, on President's Report, has examined that document, and find that no official acts have been performed by that officer, during the past synodical year. He communicates to us the sad intelligence of the death of our esteemed and most worthy brothers in Christ and fellow laborers in the vineyard of our Lord—JACOB STIREWALT and E. E. SMYRE. He, also, calls the attention of Synod to the subject of Benificiary Education; and urges upon us the necessity of engaging in this important work with the least possible delay, and recommends that a committee be appointed to prepare and report a plan of operations to the present session of Synod, by which this work may be successfully carried on by us.

In regard to our deceased brethren, your committee respectfully recommends that the following resolutions be adopted.

1. Resolved, That we have learned, with feelings of the deepest sorrow, of the death of our dear and well beloved brethren and fellow servants of our Lord and Master, Jacob Stirewalt and E. E. Smyre.

2. Resolved, That in the death of these brethren we have lost two of our most esteemed, and worthy workmen in our Redeemer's cause, upon earth. And that the Church has sustained a loss not easily repaired. Nevertheless we feel ourselves fully resigned, to this very painful dispensation of Divine Providence, and earnestly pray God, to speedily fill their places, with others equally good and true.

3. Resolved, That, this Synod, hereby expresses her deep and most sincere sympathy, with the family of Brother Stirewalt--and also the relations and other friends of Brother Smyre.

Your committee also respectfully recommends that a committee, of two ministes, be appointed, by the President to prepare a circular as soon as possible, addressed to our congregations upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and also that a committee of two ministers and one layman be appointed, to prepare and submit a plan of operations, to the present convention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.
J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, the Report was read, received, and adopted.

On motion, the motion for adoption was reconsidered.

A motion was now made for the adoption of the resolution of the Report, relative to the death of our brethren, by rising—the motion prevailed, unanimously—and that a copy of the resolutions be sent to the family of Rev. J. Stirewalt, and to the relatives of Rev. Smyre, by the corresponding Secretary.

A motion was now made to appoint the Committees recommended in the Report, and carried:—On CIRCULAR LETTER, Revds. A. J. Fox and J. R. Peterson; on BENEFICIARY EDUCATION, Revds. J. Killian and A. Efird, and Maj. A. Koiner.

A motion was now made to append the Circular to the Minutes, and that an extra number of Circulars, equal to the number of Minutes, be printed,

and distributed in proportion to the distribution of the Minutes.

On motion, a substitute was offered, as follows:

Resolved, That only 75 copies of the Circular be printed, and distributed among the Ministers, and that they be requested to read it to their congregations, and enforce it. Lost. The previous Resolution carried.

On motion, the ministers are earnestly requested to read, distribute, and explain the circulars to their people.

The Committee, on sister Synods, now reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SISTER SYNODS.

Your Committee, on the Minutes of other Synods, have examined the several documents placed in our hands.

No. 1, is, the Minutes of the General Synod of the E. L. Church in the United States. This Synod assembled in its Twenty-Fourth Convention, in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 13th day of May, 1869. This Synod embraces 22 District Synods. Its officers, for the present term, are: Rev. H. N Pohlman, D. D., President; Rev. L. E Albert, D. D., Secretary; Mr. A. F. Ockerhausen, Treasurer. We find nothing, in these Minutes, which requires the action of this Synod.

No. 2, is, the Minutes of the General Council of the E. L. Church in America. This body held its Second Annual Convention, in Pittsburg, Pa., on the 12th day of November, 1868. This body embraces 15 District Synods, 575 Ministers, 1,101 congregations, and 144,716 communicants. Its Officers, for the present year, are: Rev. C. W. Schæffer, D. D., President; Revds. H. W. Roth, English Secretary; A. Spaeth, Germ. Sec; B. M. Schmucker, Eng. Cor. Sec.; R. Adelberg, Germ. Cor. Sec.; H. H. Muhlenber, M. D., Treasurer. This body, having established herself firmly on the Confessions of our Church, is accomplishing a vast amount of good, and is rapidly restoring the Church, in this country, to soundness in the faith, and bids fair, at no very distant day, to embrace all true Lutherans in America.

No. 3, is, the Minutes of the E. L. Synod of South-Western Virginia. This Synod held its 27th session in Luther Chapel, Washington Co., Va., on the 13th day of August, 1868. Its Officers are: Revds J. A. Brown, President; J. C. Repass, Sec.; E. H. McDonald, Treasurer. This Synod has 18 Ministers, 40 congregations, and 2,543 communicants. She is actively engaged in Educational, Missionary and Beneficiary enterprises.—Rev. E. H. McDonald was appointed delegate to this Synod, but failed to attend. We regret his absence.

No. 4, is, the Minutes of the E. L. Holston Synod. This body held its 7th Annual Meeting in Zion church, Sullivan Co., Tenn., on the 26th day of Sept., 1868. Its Officers are, Revds. J. C. Barb, President; Andrew Rader, Sec.; Adam Knipp, Treasurer. This Synod has in her connection 15 ministers, 25 congregations, and 2,300 communicants.

No. 5 is, the Minutes of the E. L. Synod of S. C. This Synod convened in St. Paul Church, Newberry co., on the 15th day of Oct., 1868 Her officers are: Revds. T. S. Boinest, President; Paul Derrick, Secretary; Prof. J. P. Smeltzer, cor. Secretary; and Maj. P. E. Wise, Treasurer. This body has 31 ministers, 29 congregations, and 3,333 communicants. We find nothing in these minutes requiring the action of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.
W. H. SWANEY.
C. C. HENKEL.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Petitions now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

We, your Committee, appointed to report on Petitions sent to this body, beg leave to submit the following:

No 1. Is a petition from St. Peter or Piney-wood Church in Lexington county, South Carolina. Praying the next session of Synod to be held in their Church.

No 2. Is a petition from Pine Church, Shenandoah county Va., Praying for ministeral services, of some minister of this Body.

No 3. Is a petition from St. Stephen Church, Catawba county, N. C. Praying for

the next session of Synod, to be held in their Church.

No 4. Is a petition from Bethlehem Church, Augusta county, Va., urging Synod to take such steps as will enable the work known as, "Luther's Church Postil," to be published in the English Language at an early day.

They also recommend the propriety of the Tennesse Synod becoming united with the General Council of the E. L. Church. They express themselves as being opposed to Districting our Synod, into District Synods, and recommend a closer relationship, with the Penn. Synod by the interchange of Delegates from this to that Synod.

They also recommend, the propriety of introducing in our congregations, the Church Book, of the the General Council of the E. L. Church in America, and are also favorable to Home missions being sustained by our congregations. They also pray that the next Synod be held in their Church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. EFIRD.
J. S. BENNICK.
E. BOWMAN.

The Report, on motion, was received and acted on, item by item:

Item 1—taken up and deferred for the present.

Item 2.—On motion, Rev. J. S. Bennick was advised to visit said church, and preach for them until further arrangements are made. Item 3, was deferred. Item 4,—the object of the first suggestion had been attained; in regard to the petition of Bethlehem church, in relation to a junction with the General Council, *Be it Resolved*, That this Synod is not at present, prepared to take action on that subject.

Items 5 and 6, were disposed of.

Item 7.—On motion, Piney-wood or St. Peter church, Lexington Co., S. C., was selected as the place, and 10 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday, before the First Sunday, of November, 1870, as the time, for the next Convention of this Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at 3 P. M. Prayer by Rev. Bennick. Rev. J. R. Peterson preached from Eph. 4, 8.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called. Rev. J. R. Peterson asked for leave of absence, which was granted. On motion, the following resolutions were passed:

Inasmuch, as the "EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN" has been suspended, and perhaps may fail to make its appearance again, and, Inasmuch, as this Synod regards it as very desirable that some safe and reliable Church paper be read by our people:

RESOLVED, That the "Lutheran and Missionary," be recommended to our congregations, and that our ministers recommend, and labor to induce as many families as possible, to procure and read it.

RESOLVED, That this Synod approve the "BUSY BEE," as a first-class Sunday-School paper. and recommend it to all our congregations.

RESOLVED. That we regard the Compend of Lutheran Theology, by Dr. Leonard Hutter, as a most useful Book, well calculated to afford all the necessary information upon all points of Lutheran Theology, in a plain and easy manner, and we most cheerfully recommend it to our people, and that all our pastors make efforts to disseminate it among their congregations.

The Committee on Beneficiary Education now reported. Adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEFCIAIRY EDUCATION.

Your Committee, appointed to prepare a plan for Beneficiary Education, and submit it to this session of Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

I. That, owing to the want of sufficient time, we find it impossible to mature such a plan as we think would be necessary, to enable us to operate successfully, in this important enterprise of the Church. We, therefore, respectfully ask Synod to continue the committee, to the next convention of Synod—so that we may have sufficient time to mature it.

II. That, we respectfully recommend to Synod, the importance and necessity of urging our Ministers to take up collections, at an early day, to raise funds to enable J. Strewalt, and others, to prosecute their studies for the Gospel Ministry.

III. That, whatever money may be raised by the Synod, for Beneficiary purposes, be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, and that he pay out the money, upon the order of the President of Synod, countersigned by the Secretary.

IV. That the Treasurer be requested to report, to the next meeting of Synod, the am't of money coming into his hands, and the amounts paid over by him to the Beneficiaries of the Synod, with proper vouchers.

V. We further recommend, that the Officers of the Synod be appointed an Executive Committee, to decide upon the merits of the applicants for aid from the funds of the Synod.

VI. We recommend further, that the Beneficiaries of Synod be requested to report to Synod at her next meeting, a Certificate from their teachers, of their moral standing, and progress and proficiency in their studies.

Respectfully submitted, J. KILLIAN,
A. EFIRD.

The COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION now presented the following Report, which was adopted:

Your Committee, on Examination and Ordination, have examined the Journal and manuscript sermon, furnished by Licentiate Dr. M. L. Fox, and would submit the following: We find, from the Journal, that he has been, during the past year, actively engaged in the work of the Ministry; and are happy to say his Sermon is very clear and expressive in style, and the doctrines contained in it are sound and scriptural. We respectfully recommend that his License be renewed. A. EFIRD.
J. KILLIAN,

The Committee on the subject of Joint or Branch Synods, now reported a Majority Report, which on motion was received and adopted:

MAJORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOINT OR BRANCH SYNODS.

Your Committee, on the subject of a Joint Synod or Branch Synods, has examined the matter, as far as we have had opportunity, and regard such an organization as very desirable—provided, some safe ground of union can be traced out, and we regard this as, at least, possible. We regard the calling of a Convention of all concerned, at as early a day as practicable, as the best plan; and would, therefore, propose, to our brethren of the E. L. Holston Synod, to meet us, in Convention, as soon after the rising of this Synod in the year 1870, as may be convenient, in Grace church, Catawba Co., N. C.—as this is one of the most central points. And that they, then, enter into a free conference with us, upon this subject, and endeavor to agree upon some safe plan by which the end may be consummated.

1. RESOLVED, Therefore, That a copy of this Report be forwarded by the Cor. Sec. of this Synod to the Chairman of the Committee appointed by that Synod to correspond with us upon this subject.

2. RESOLVED, That the Committee of the Holston Synod, charged with this matter, be requested to furnish the Cor. Sec., as soon as possible after the rising of their Synod, with a copy of their proceedings.

3. RESOLVED, That, if our proposition to call a Convention is complied with, the time of the meeting of this Convention be fixed upon at the next meeting of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.
J. KILLIAN.

On motion, the following Resolutions were passed:

RESOLVED, That this Synod hereby tenders its most sincere thanks to the members of Emanuel church, and the citizens of this town, generally, for the kind and generous hospitality they have extended to us, during our stay in their midst.

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the present session of this Synod, be printed at as early a period as can be conveniently done: and, that one copy be sent to each E. Lutheran Synod in the Southern States, and that two copies be sent to the General Synod in N. A. two to the Pennsylvania Synod; two copies to the General Council, and three to each of the Ministers of this Synod.

On motion, Rev. S. Henkel was appointed Corresponding Delegate to the Pennsylvania Synod, Rev. J. Killian, alternate; Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, to the Holston Synod; Rev. J. R. Peterson to the North Carolina Synod; Rev. J. Killian, to the E. L. Synod of S. West Virginia, (to open correspondence); Rev. I. Conder, to Virginia Synod; and Rev. A. Efird to S. Carolina Synod. Adjourned, to meet Wednesday, October 20.

NINTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 20, 9 O'clock, A. M.

Synod opened as usual. On motion, excused absentees were marked on the roll by a *—absent and unexcused. by a †. The following was passed in regard to Rev. Seneker:

WHEREAS, Rev. J. E. Seneker appeared and answered to his name, and afterwards absented himself without asking the consent of Synod, and is, therefore, somewhat censurable; but, from information now before this Synod, relative to the cause of his absence, and, in consequence, of his expressed desire to be with us,—RESOLVED, That his absence be excused.

The Committee now reported on the subject of Baptism, as follows. Adopted:

The Committee, to Report an expression of this Synod in regard to the question, Whether a Minister is justifiable in receiving individuals into the Church, who were baptized by immersion, and have not been baptized by a simultaneous application of Water and the Word? ask to be excused from Reporting on this subject now, as it is one which requires a thorough investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON.
S. HENKEL.
A. J. FOX.

On motion, brother Orebaugh obtained leave of absence. A motion was now made to take up the subject of Beneficiary Education; pending which, On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet at 3 P. M. Prayer, by Rev. J. S. Bennick. Preaching by Rev. A. J. Fox, from 1 John, 1, 5-7.

TENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 3 O'clock, P. M.

On motion the Resolution, in regard to the Circulars, was reconsidered, and it was

RESOLVED, That the Circulars be printed separate from the Minutes, and that Five Hundred be printed, and distributed in proportion to the distribution of the minutes.

On motion, the following Resolution was passed:

RESOLVED, That the President appoint a Committee, whose duty it shall be, to direct the attention of the congregations, composing the charge lately served by brother J. STIREWALT, to the propriety of erecting a suitable monument to the memory of their faithful Pastor.—COMMITTEE; Messrs. George Arehart, John Whitmire, George Filtzmoyer, J. R. Miller, Wm. M. Sibert, and Jacob Miller.

A call was now made for Applicants for the Ministry: M. A. ADERHOLT and JNO. N. STIREWALT requested their names to be placed before Synod, as applicants for the Ministry. On motion, they were received. A Committee of Three was appointed to hold a colloquium, with these young men, in regard to their wants, relative to aid. COMMITTEE:—Revds. J. Killian and A. J. Fox, and Maj. A. Koiner. The Committee, after retirement, reported as follows:

Your Commirtee, appointed to hold a Colloquium with Brothers J. N. Stirewalt, and M. A. Aderhold, who have made application to this Synod, to be received under her care, as students of Theology, respectfully report, That the young gentlemen have made considerable progress in their literary pursuits, and that they will be able to graduate in about two years. We are, also, satisfied that their Christian deportment is blameless. We respectfully recommend that, if they at any future day should need aid rom the Beneficiary Fund of this Synod, that aid be given them.

On motion, the following Resolution, on the history of Tennessee Synod, was passed:

RESOLVED, That a Committee of Two be appointed, to procure a suitable person to prepare a concise history of this Synod, and have it published in the LUTHERAN AND MISSIONARY, and any other paper they may deem best. COMMITTEE—L. M. Zirkle and C. C. Henkel.

Revds. J. R. Peterson and W. H. Swaney, Committee on Treasurer's Report, reported, That they had audited that Officer's account, and found it correct.

Received, from former Treasurer, $17 10; Synodical Contributions, $59 05	$76 15
Expended, as per vouchers exhibited,	35 50
Leaving, Balance on hand, transferrd to present Treasurer,	$40 65

On motion, the Minutes were adopted, *as a whole.*

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet at the time and place already designated. Closed with Prayer.

SOCRATES HENKEL, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

	MINISTERS.	Entered the Ministry,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Bapt'ms Adults.	Bapt'ms Infants,	Confirmations,	Funerals,	No. of Sunday Schools,	Synodical Contributions,
1	Rev. A. J. FOX,	1838	7	1025	4	60	76	13	5	1385
2	" A. EFIRD,	1817	5	450	2	35	25	8	3	525
3	" D. EFIRD,	18 2	4	490		51	20	11		300
4	" P. C. HENKEL,	1813	5	1000	5	61	31	13		635
5	" J. R. PETERSON,	1843	4	310	7	29	27	6	1	700
6	" T. CROUSE,		7	312	2	31	25	9		495
7	" J. STIREWALT,	1837	5	450						350
8	" S. HENKEL,	1850	6	545	8	37	36	23	3	370
9	" C. MORETZ,	1852	4	450	6	19	18			180
10	" J M. SMITH,	1855	4	600						505
11	" T. MOSER,	1844	3							250
12	" W. H. SWANEY,	1867	2	190	2	36	17	7		
13	" J. S. BENNICK,	1866			2	15		6		
14	" J. KI LIAN,		2	224				1		100
15	" M. L. FOX,		1	60		4	6			120
16	" I. CONDER,		4	150	1	27	17		1	

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, Nov. 5, 1870.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened in St. Peter Church, Lexington County, South Carolina.

The exercises of the occasion, in the absence of the President, were opened in an appropriate manner, by Rev. T. Crouse, who then preached from Matt. 11, 28-30. He was then followed by Rev. J. M. Smith, who preached from Eph. 2, 13,—after which, seventeen Catechumen were received into full communion with the Church, through the ancient Rite of Confirmation.

SUNDAY, November 6, 1870—10 o'clock, A. M.

An unusually large congregation having assembled at the appointed time, the services of the morning were led by Rev. Dr. Fox, who preached from Ps. 116, 12-14. He was then followed by Rev. J. R. Peterson, who preached from Heb. 2, 8. Confession and Absolution were then held by the *pastor loci*, according to the custom of the Church.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a large number of communicants. During all the exercises, necessarily protracted, a feeling of sacred and solemn devotion and meditation seemed to pervade the entire congregation. How pleasant and refreshing, for brethren to meet and commune together!

MONDAY, November 7—9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. The President opened the occasion in an appropriate manner. The house then came to order, the Clerical Roll was called, the absentees noted, and the Lay-delegates presented their certificates of election.

CLERICAL ROLL.

	NAMES.	ADDRESSES.
1.	Rev. H. Goodman,*	Statesville, Iredell Co., N. C.
2.	" J. Killian,*	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.
3.	" J. R. Moser,*	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
4.	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C.
5.	" H. Wetzel,†	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va.
6.	" P. C. Henkel,*	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
7.	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C.
8.	" T. Moser,	Coburn's Store, Union Co., N. C.
9.	" G. Schmucker,†	Upper Tract, Pendleton Co., W. V.
10.	" T. Crouse,	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.
11.	" S. Henkel,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
12.	" D. Efird,	Pine Ridge, Lexington Co., S. C.
13.	" C. Moretz,*	Boone, Watauga Co., N. C.
14.	" J. E. Seneker,†	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.
15.	" J. M. Smith,	Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
16.	" I. Conder,*	McGaheysville, Rockingham Co, Va.
17.	" T. Miller,	Lantz' Mills, Shenandoah Co., Va.
18.	" J. S. Bennick,*	Forestville, Shenandoah Co., Va.

* Absent, excused. † Absent, not excused.

LICENTIATES.

M. L. Fox,	.. ..	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.

APPLICANT.

J. N. Stirewalt,	.. ..	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Ambrose Costner,	.. ..	Salem, Daniel, Grace, Sardis, Trinity, and St. Mark churches, N. C.
Luke Seastrunk,	.. ..	Zion Church, S. C.
D. W. Price,	.. ..	St. Paul, Church, S. C.
J. W. Morgan,	.. ..	Cedar Grove, " "
Carroll Bookman,	.. ..	Bethlehem " "
A. L. Crouse,	.. ..	Coble and Melancthon, N. C.
Solomon R. Beck,	.. ..	Beck, Pilgrim, Emanuel, and New Jerusalem churches, N. C.
G. F. Ellisor,	.. ..	St. John church, S. C.
F. H. Dominick,	.. ..	St. Peter " "
U. B. Whites,	.. ..	St. Jacob " "
Timothy Moretz,	.. ..	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
M. L. Little,	.. ..	St. Peter, St. John, St. Paul, and St. James churches, N. C.
H. G. Sides,	.. ..	Zion and St. Stephen, "

The President now presented and read his report, which was received:—

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Dear Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:—Another Synodical year has passed away, and we, in the providence of God, are permitted to meet again as a Synod. We acknowledge the renewed obligations now resting upon us, to be grateful to the Giver of all good, for past favors, present blessings, and promises of future mercies;—God forbid that any of us should ever, by wicked works or ingratitude, render ourselves unworthy of our holy calling, or disappoint the expectation of the Christian Church, over which, in the Providence of God, we have been appointed as overseers.

CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

On the 17th day of October last, and while the Synod was in session, in New Market, Va., I gave to Rev. W. H. Swaney, a certificate of honorable dismission from this body. He has since become a member of one of the English District Synods of Ohio; and, so far as I have been able to learn, is now laboring, within the bounds of said Synod, successfully and with acceptance.

DEATHS OF MINISTERS.

Soon after the adjournment of the last Synod, Rev. A. Henkel, whose health had been declining for a length of time, departed this life. "He died in a good old age, an old man and full of years,' 'and was gathered to his people." Of him, it may be truthfully said, that he was sound in the faith and pure in morals; he leaves a legacy, to his family and the Lutheran Church, in the brightness of his example, and his devotion to the interests of the Synod, of which he was a worthy and honored member for the period of about fifty years.

In this connection, it is also our painful duty to record the death of Rev. A. Efird, of Lexington, S. C., who departed this life on the 13th day of Sep-

tember, last. Of this brother, personally, we knew but little—having seen him but once—we understand, however, from those who were intimately acquainted with him, that his praise "was in all the churches." It is to be hoped that some one, having full knowledge of his life and labors, will favor the Church with a suitable Obituary Notice of this servant of God.*

In all our afflictions, we acknowledge the providence of God, and admit that his ways are best, though we comprehend them not.

VACANCIES SUPPLIED.

The charge left vacant by the death of Rev. J. Stirewalt is now supplied by Rev. J. S. Bennick, a young man of much promise, whose services are highly appreciated by his people.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

The attention of Synod has been called to this subject in various ways. By the recommendations of your former President, and by the Committee, who were appointed at our last meeting to prepare and submit a plan to aid us, in our future operations. We have now before us, in the shape of a Circular, the recommendations and suggestions of this Committee. We are made acquainted with the wants and destitution of the Church on the one hand, and on the other, we are informed of her ability to supply, yea, more than supply all these wants, and we have set before us in a clear and forcible light the consequences, if the Church fails to wake up to the full measure of her responsibility. It has become an absolute necessity that the Church enjoy an educated ministry; on this subject, I hope there is amongst us but one opinion; hence, I repeat it, our ministers must be educated. We may differ in relation to the plan to be produced, and the standard to be attained; here we express no opinion,—the wisdom of Synod can better do this.

Whatever be the plan, or the standard, we must have means to pursue the one and attain the other; in other words, we must have money, in order to meet with success in all enterprises that contemplate an educated ministry.

I do not mean to say, however, that our ministers now in the field, and engaged in the work of the Lord, are ignorant men, or that they will not compare favorably with the same number of men, engaged in the same calling, in other branches of the Christian Church; but, I must say, there is a want of energy with us, in adapting the proper means to accomplish certain ends. Other Christian communities have engaged in various plans, both of missionary and educational enterprises, and success, sometimes beyond their most sanguine expectations, has crowned their efforts. In passing through various sections of our country, we frequently meet with large and beautiful houses of worship, where congregations crowd to hear the Word of God, while we have become an isolated people, and, in many localities and neighborhoods, our members still worship in the same house which was built by their fathers, half a century ago, and I am sorry to say, often yet in an unfinished condition. I am truly happy to see, that here the Church enjoys a brighter prospect. I do not feel called upon to express an opinion as to the cause of this unpleasant state of things, but there evidently is a reason for the facts to which I refer. Why is it, that the means and resources in the Church have not been called out, and employed variously in the Work of the Lord? Many of our Churches have become uncomfortable for want of repairs; and ministers are dying, leaving vacant charges; and there are none to occupy these vacant fields;—while others are compelled, with painful anxiety, to contemplate the future, and even now have their minds fixed on distant fields, and are inquiring whether it is not their duty, as it would evidently be to their interest, to change their position in the Christian church. With them it is not a matter of choice but of necessity.

I frequently hear men boast of the soundness of their faith, and the purity

of their morals, but it so happens, that sound faith and good morals, will neither educate a beneficiary, build a decent and comfortable house of worship, nor sustain a Pastor in his charge;—other means and instrumentalities are necessary, and must be used.

UNION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The committee, in whose hands this matter rests, for some cause, (best known to themselves,) have failed to have a meeting, and consequently, up to this time, have rendered no report, and at the last meeting of Synod, at their own solicitation, were continued as a committee, with a view of still pursuing the investigation of the subject in all its various and difficult bearings—contemplating a full and final report at the present meeting of Synod. In my own mind I am satisfied, that the committee have done, and are still doing, the very best they can, under all the circumstances of the case. In the absence of the report, I do not feel it my duty to recommend any action, or even make a suggestion as to the course the Synod ought to pursue:—I hope, however, this long delayed report will be forthcoming, and that Synod will promptly act and decide the case upon its merits.

POLICY OF THE CHURCH IN RELATION TO LAY DELEGATES.

It is the policy of the Lutheran church, all over the land, to receive lay delegates into the Synod, whether these Synods are General, or District Synods—but, so far as I am informed, as a general rule, it is not allowed in any Synod, that the Lay-Delegation shall exceed that of the Pastors, Licentiates, and, sometimes, Students of Theology. With us, the policy is to allow every organized congregation, however small, to send a delegate; and, if a Pastor has 6, or even more,, organized congregations, under his care, each one is entitled to a delegate, with the right and privilege of voting on all questions, brought before the Synod. We sometimes hear politicians and Government officials talk of the balance of power; well, if every pastor is allowed to bring to Synod, six, eight or even more Delegates, it is easy to perceive where the balance of power lies; but some will say, who has anything to fear from the number of Lay Delegates in our conventions? I answer, as a general rule we have nothing to fear from their presence, and are glad to see them, and we hope they will always attend when convenient. Here however permit me to remind you that in Virginia we have a *Concordia Synod*, which body would not be in existence now, but for the very policy to which I refer—I therefore regard the practice, referred to above, as an evil in the Church, and recommend that it be remedied.

OUR HYMN BOOK.

The Hymn Book, in use in all our congregations, in many respects is a good one, but, like all human productions, it has its defects. Many of the hymns are too long to be used to edification either in public or family worship—too many are the compositions of one man. I have never taken the trouble to count those marked with a dagger, but the number is large,—too much so for a book of its size, unless the author is a man of rare poetical talents. Some of the Hymns are not remarkable for that spirituality which is the life and soul of all poetry and music, which contemplate the worship of God. "I will sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also," said the Apostle. When this inspiration is wanting, vain is the melody, useless the song; and not a few fail to exhibit that poetical excellence which is so desirable, when we sing the praises of Him, who is exalted far above our highest conception. I therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to examine this work, and report to Synod whether a revision of our Hymn Book is not called for.

And now, dear Brethren, I return to you the trust which twelve months ago you confided to me. I am grateful for the honor bestowed. I have dis-

charged my duties to the best of my ability, and have labored to give offence to none. May the kind providence of God be ever with you, and prosper you in all that is good—may your last end be that of the righteous, which is always peace. Yours fraternally, in the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. T. MILLER.

*Since the above was written, I have seen, published in the *Lutheran Visitor*, Oct. 5, the following "**Memoriam**," of brother A. Efird, which I have attached to this report, and desire the same to be read to Synod:

In Memoriam.—And again another. The Rev. Adam Efird, of Lexington, County, S. C., September 13. And all his days were forty-nine years, four months, and twenty-three days.

He was born in Stanley County, N. C., April 20, 1821, confirmed in St. Martin church, by Rev. A. J. Fox, April 6, 1839, and ordained to the Ministerial office, in St. Peter church, Sullivan County, Tennessee, in October, 1847. He removed to Lexington County, S. C., in October of 1854, and took charge of several churches in connection with the Tennessee Synod. Actively engaged in the work of his Lord, beloved by his people, and honored and respected by the community, he proved himself to be a workman that needed not to be ashamed. His health, however, failed, and he, unable from bodily infirmity to continue his labor in the sacred office, offered, last March, his resignation; but his people would not give him up. He was unanimously re-elected, though unable to officiate. His five churches clung to him while he lived, and though his demise was not generally known, he was followed to his last resting-place by a large multitude of mourning and attached people.

He served, during the war, as a member of the Legislature for two years, and filled the office of Probate Judge for Lexington County, at the time of his death. He had held the office for nearly six years. He leaves a wife and six children, to watch, wait, and follow in the narrow path. One son had gone before him, to the happy land on high. Rev. Dr. Rude, of Columbia, performed the funeral services. D.

Editorial.—We, too, have a word to say of, and a loving tribute to offer to the memory of, our departed brother and friend. Oft, during the war, did he call on us, bringing the contributions of his people, for the relief of our sick and suffering soldiers. After the war, we met less frequently; the last time, when he assisted at the laying of the corner-stone of the church at Lexington C. H. We always found him to be a kind, true-hearted, earnest believer. He loved his country and his fellow-men, his Church and his brethren, his Savior and his God.

He fought—he conquered—the golden crown rests on his brow. R.

An election was now held for Synodical Officers, which resulted as follows:

Rev. A. J. FOX,	. . .	President.
" S. HENKEL,	. . .	Recording Secretary.
" J. R. PETERSON,	. .	Corresponding Secretary.
" T. MILLER,	. . .	Treasurer.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Rude, of Columbia, Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltzer, of Walhalla, and Rev. J. N. Deireck, of the S. C. Synod, and Rev. J. Austin, of the Georgia Synod, were received as Advisory Members.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet again after preaching. During recess, Rev. T. Miller preached, from Heb. 12, 28.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday,—2 o'clock, P. M.

The house came to order, and the roll was called.

The President announced the following Committees:

On Minutes of other Synods.—Revds. J. R. Peterson, T. Miller, and Mr. J. W. Morgan.

On Petitions.—Revds. J. M. Smith, D. Efird, and Mr. M. L. Little.

On Letters and Papers,—Revds. T. Moser, T. Crouse, and Mr. T. L. Crouse.

On Unfinished Business,—Revds. T. Miller, M. L. Fox, and Mr. F. H. Dominick.

On PRESIDENT'S REPORT,—Revds. J. M. Smith, J. R. Peterson, and A. Costner, Esq.

On EXAMINATION,—Revds. S. Henkel, T. Moser, and J. R. Peterson.

On STATE OF THE CHURCH,—Revds. J. R. Peterson, T. Miller, and D. Efird.

On TREASURER'S REPORT,—Rev. T. Moser, and Messrs. A. Costner and U. B. Whites.

The Letters, Petitions, and Papers, designed for Synod, were now called for, and assigned to the proper committees.

The Corresponding Delegate, to the Holston Synod, presented to his report, which was received, as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO E. L. HOLSTON SYNOD.

Having been appointed a Delegate to the E. L. Holston Synod, by the last annual session of this Synod, I would submit the following:

Owing to quite an unusual amount of sickness in my section of country, my professional engagements were such, that I could not attend the last annual meeting of that Synod. And, for the want of time, I failed to write a communication to that Synod, previous to its assembling. Since then, however, I addressed letters to two of the members of that Synod, inquiring of them, Whether the Synod had taken any action in regard to the proposed union of that Synod and ours? and received answers, informing me that, owing to my failing to attend their meeting, the subject was not called up; but, they assure me that a majority of their ministers and people are decidedly in favor of such union. I very much regret my inability to meet those brethren, in the late convention of their Synod, and trust my brethren will have the kindness to excuse me.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.

The Corresponding Delegate to the North Carolina Synod now presented his report, which was received, as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE N. C. SYNOD.

The delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina reports, that he attended the late meeting of that Synod, which convened in Luther chapel, Rowan County, N. C., on Thursday, before the Fourth Sunday of August last, and was cordially received. He found those brethren actively engaged in the Master's work. The report of the pastors, on the state of their several charges, exhibited an encouraging state of the Church. The collections taken for Synodical and other benevolent purposes, show considerable improvement upon former years. The only action taken, having direct reference to this body, is the appointment of a committee, to confer with a similar committee of this Synod, upon the subject of a union of the two bodies. This action will be reported to this meeting of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON.

The Corresponding Secretary presented his report, which was received, as follows:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Within the past Synodical year no correspondence in writing has been necessary, and, therefore, I have nothing to report of that kind. The Minutes of the last session—of our Synod—were promptly forwarded to me, by the Treasurer, for distribution among the Synods in correspondence with this Synod, and forwarded to some of the members of each of those Synods. The Minutes of most of these Synods, and also the Minutes of some other Synods, and General Bodies, have been received, and are herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

Pursuant to previous notice, Rev. J. R. Peterson moved, that the Committee on Minutes of Sister Synods be discontinued, and that their duties devolve on the Corresponding Secretary. The motion prevailed.

A Funeral procession, conveying the earthly remains of Miss BARBARA WIGGUS, having approached the church, Synod adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at 9 o'clock. The *pastor loci* now attended to the funeral rites, and Rev. S. Henkel preached a funeral discourse, from Amos 4, 12.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, Nov. 8,—9 o'clock.

Synod was called to order, Rev. J. M. Smith leading devotional exercises. The roll was called. The proceedings of the previous sessions were read, received, and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Petitions was now read and received:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

No. 1,—Is a communication from Revs. H. Wetzel, J. E. Seneker, and Geo. Schmucker, demanding that their names be dropped from the roll of the Pastors of this Synod.

Nos. 2 and 3,—are memorials from Friendship church, Alexander Co., and Philadelphia church Caldwell Co., N. C., of the same import; in which the memorialists express their disapprobation of any present union with any general body of the Lutheran church, and also their disapproval of the course of Synod upon the subject of Beneficiary Education.

No. 4,—Is a petition from Mt. Pleasant church, Watauga Co., N. C., praying for an investigation, by the Synod, of difficulties existing between their former pastor, Rev. C. Moretz, and many members of the congregation.

No. 5,—Is a memorial from Revs. J. R. Moser and P. C. Henkel, in which they inform Synod of a contemplated change in their relations, by entering into some kind of union with the Synod of Mo., and ask the advice of this body in reference to the same.

Nos. 6 and 7,—Are petitions from St. Paul church, Shenandoah Co., Va., and Mt. Calvary church, Page Co., Va., praying Synod to examine John N. Stirewalt, if present, as to his qualifications to bear the office of Pastor, and, if found qualified, to ordain him to that office; and, if not present, to make provision for the same, either by the appointment of a committee for that purpose, or, by authorizing the Va. Special Conference to perform the same.

No. 8,—Is a memorial from Bethlehem church, Augusta Co., Va., in which the memorialists, first recommend the appointment of a committee, to meet the committee appointed by the late meeting of the Evang. Luth. Synod of N. C., to confer upon the subject of a union of the two bodies; 2ndly, they recommend to Synod the appointment of a commission to attend the annual convention of the Evan. Luth. Council, with a view to the formation of a better acquaintance preparatory to union with it. 3rdly,—They recommend the adoption of some systematic plan of raising means for the purpose of prosecuting beneficiary education. 4thly, they suggest the propriety of a correspondence between this body and all other Southern Lutheran Synods, by means of an interchange of delegates. 5thly,—They suggest that Synod recommend the Staunton Female Sem. as a suitable school for the education of our daughters. 6th—They also pray that the next meeting of Synod be held in their church—Bethlehem.

No. 9,—Is a petition, from Melancthon church, Randolph County, N. C., for the examination and ordination of Licentiate, M. L. Fox, and they pray Synod to hold its meeting in said church.

In reference to the above communications, your Committee suggests the following for the adoption of Synod:

As to No. 1,—We recommend that, inasmuch as their action has been irregular, and they have failed to comply with the requirements of the Synod, in reference to the formation of a Synod in the State of Virginia, composed of our ministers and congregations in that State, be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we cannot, consistently, comply with their demand, to strike their names from our Clerical Roll.

In reference to Nos. 3 and 4,—We deem no action necessary.

As to Item 4,—We recommend that Synod appoint a committee of two Ministers, to investigate the difficulties existing between Rev. C. Moretz and members of Mt. Pleasant church.

As to Item 5,—We recommend, that the communication of Bros. Moser and Henkel, of Mo., be read before Synod, and such action be taken as may be necessary.

As to Items 6 and 7,—Be it, RESOLVED, That the "Virginia Special Conference" be, hereby, authorized to examine brother J. N. Stirewalt, as to his qualifications to bear the office of Pastor, and. if found qualified, ordain him to that office.

As to No. 8,—Sec. 1,—Your Committee recommend that the committee, called for, be appointed. Sec. 2.—Your Committee are of opinion, that the appointment of a Commission, at this time, to the General Council, would not result in any practical advantage to either body. As to Sections 3, 4, and 5,—Your committee are of opinion, that no action is necessary on the part of this body, at this time. Sec. 6,—We recommend, that the application of Bethlehem church, for the Synod, be considered at the proper time.

Item 9,—Your committee recommend, that the petition for Bro. Fox's examination and ordination, receive the necessary attention; and, also, for the next session of Synod to be held in their church—Melancthon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
D. EFIRD,
M. L. LITTLE.

It was now moved, that the Report be acted upon by items:

No. 1, was taken up, and the recommendation of the committee was unanimously adopted.

Nos. 2 and 3, were taken up, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

No. 4, was now introduced, and, on motion, the suggestion of the committee was adopted, and the following were appointed, as the committee: Revds. J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith.

Rev. J. A. Sligh, of the South Carolina Synod, having appeared in Synod, was received as an advisory member.

No. 5, was considered; the communication read and, relative to it, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That these brethren be hereby advised, to pursue such course as they may deem most conducive to the best interests of that portion of the Church, over which they are called to watch.

Nos. 6 and 7, were taken up and, relative to them, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

No. 8, was considered and, in regard to it—section 1st was postponed for future action, at the proper time. Section 2nd, was taken up, and the sentiment of the committee was agreed to. Sections 3, 4, and 5, were considered, and the recommendation of the committee was sustained. Section 6th, was considered, and then passed over for future action, at the proper time.

No. 9, was taken up and, in regard to section 1, as Rev. M. L. Fox declined submitting to an examination, action was deemed unnecessary; and, in regard to section 2, the matter was deferred for future action.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet again after preaching. During recess, Rev. Prof. Smeltzer preached, from Heb. 1, 8.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY,—3 o'clock.

Synod met. The Roll was called.

The Committee on Minutes of Sister Synods now reported, as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SISTER SYNODS.

The Committee, on the Minutes of Sister Synods, beg leave to report, that the following Minutes have been received:

1.—The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States. This Synod convened in St. John church, Walhalla, S. C., Oct. 14-18, 1869; it numbers twenty Ministers. The Officers elect are,—Rev. A. R. Rude, President; Rev. J. Hawkins, Recording Secretary; and Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, Corresponding Secretary.

2.—The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Georgia. This Synod numbers five Ministers. The Officers are,—Rev. S. W. Bedenbaugh, President; Rev. J. Austin, Secretary. This Synod convened at Mt. Pilgrim church, Coweta Co., Ga., Sept. 30–Oct. 3, 1869.

3.—The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in N. A. This body met in Convention, at Winchester, Va., on Thursday, June 9, 1870. It is composed of the following Synods: Synod of N. C., Synod of S. C., Synod of Va., Synod of S. W. Va., Synod of Ga., and Holston Synod. The Officers elected are, Revds. Prof. A. J. Brown, President; J. C. Repass, Secretary; and Mr. H. S. Baker, Treasurer. The Seventh Convention of the General Synod will be held in the city of Charleston, S. C., on Thursday before the Second Sabbath in May, 1872.

4.—Proceedings of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the U. S. This body assembled in its 24th Convention, in the city of Washington, in May, 1869. It is composed of 22 District Synods. Officers elected,—Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., President; Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Secretary; Mr. A. F. Ockershausen, Treasurer. Its Twenty-fifth Convention will be held in the City of Dayton, Ohio, on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1871.

5.—Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States. This Synod held its 123d Annual Meeting, in Trinity Lutheran church, Pottsville, Penn., June 12–16, 1870. This venerable Synod now numbers 152 Ministers, of whom 124 were present, with 76 Lay-delegates. The present Officers of that Synod are, Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., President; Rev. J. Fry, English Secretary; Rev. F. Walz, German Secretary; Rev. A. T. Geis-

senhainer, Treasurer. This Synod is actively engaged in the Master's work, and much business of importance, to the interest of that part of the Redeemer's kingdom over which they have been called to preside, was transacted.

6.—General Council of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This body met in its Third Convention in the city of Chicago, Ill., on the 4th day of Nov., 1869. This body is now composed of 11 District Synods, numbering 550 Ministers, 1,028 Congregations, 142,551 Communicants. The Officers elected to serve for the present term are, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., President; Rev. H. W. Roth, English Rec. Secretary; Rev. A. Spaeth, German Rec. Secretary; Rev. B. M. Schmucker, English Corresponding Secretary; Rev. G. H. Wenzel, German Cor. Secretary. The 4th Convention of the General Council commenced Nov. 3, 1870, in St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, Lancaster, Ohio.

7.—Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South-Western Virginia. This Synod met in convention, in Zion church, Floyd co., Va., Thursday, Aug. 9, 1869, and elected the following Officers: Rev. J. A. Brown, President; Rev. J. C. Repass, Secretary; Rev. E. H. McDonald, Treasurer—and, by appointment, were to meet again, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath of August last.

8.—The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of N. C. This Mother-Synod of our Southern Lutheran Church, met in regular convention, at Frieden church, Guilford co., N. C., April 25, 1869, and held an adjourned meeting, at Salem church, Rowan co., N. C., Aug. 26, 1869, and elected the following Officers:—Rev. W. A. Julian, President; Rev. L. A. Bickle, Recording Secretary; Rev. D. J. Dreher, Cor. Sec.; Dr. P. A. Lifford, Treasurer.

Your Committee are much gratified to learn, that this Synod, at its adjourned meeting, adopted a new doctrinal basis, by which they placed themselves squarely on the Confessions of the Church. Your Committee find nothing in these Minutes requiring the action of Synod, but would recommend that the courtesy, extended to us, be reciprocated, by sending to each of these Synods, one copy of the Minutes of the present session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
T. MOSER,
J. W. MORGAN.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Letters now reported in the following manner:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS.

We the Committee on Letters, beg leave to submit the following Report—

No. 1,—Is a Letter from J. Killian, in which he informs us of his inability to be with us, and asks to be excused for his non-attendance. He expresses himself favorable to a union with the North Carolina Synod, provided it can be done upon a safe foundation. He, also, as Chairman of the Committee, appointed at the last session of your Synod, to prepare a Constitution on the subject of Beneficiary Education, and lay it before Synod, submits the same to this Synod.

No. 2,—Is a letter from Rev. I. Conder in which he gives the reason of his absence from the present session of Synod. He also expresses himself somewhat favorable to a union with the General Synod South.

No. 3,—Is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz in which he states his inability to be with us and asks to be excused; he urges the necessity of taking more active measures in forwarding the cause of Christ and expresses himself favorable to a union with some central Southern body.

No. 4,—Is a letter from Rev. H. Goodman in which he renders his excuse for his non-attendance, and asks to be excused; he also expresses himself unfavorable to a union with any other body.

No. 5,—Is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, corresponding delegate from the Evan. Luth. Synod of North Carolina, in which he expresses his desire to be with us and informs us, that, in consequence of the feeble state of his health, he is compelled to deny himself that enjoyment.—He assures us that his Synod most heartily sympathizes with us in our trials and difficulties, and rejoices in our success and prosperity. He informs us, that it is the desire of the N. Carolina Synod to enter into a closer bond of union with our Synod, and presents the Resolutions of their Synod with regard to such a union, together with the latter part of the report of their delegates to the General Synod of North America.

We recommend that Rev. J. Killian, Conder, Moretz, and Goodman, be excused for their non-attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY MOSER,
THOS. CROUSE,
A. L. CROUSE.

The Report was received, and considered item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, were considered, and the brethren excused.

Item 5, was taken up, and the following resolution passed:

Be it Resolved, That we deeply regret that brother Bernheim's feeble state of health does not permit him to be in our midst.

The First Section of No. 8, of the Report of the Committee on Petitions,

was now taken up, considered, and the recommendation of the committee adopted; and the following Committee was appointed:—Revds. A. J. Fox, T. Moser, J. M. Smith, and Messrs. Ambrose Costner and A. Conrad.

The Committee on Unfinished Business now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, the committee on unfinished business, on examination of the Minutes of last session of our Synod, find the following items, which we submit to the consideration of Synod:

Item 1, Page 5,—In regard to the Catawba Mission, there appear to be points undeveloped; we would inquire, whether the Committee has any further information in regard to the matter?

Item 2, Page 6,—In report of committee on Church discipline, we would inquire whether said committee is now ready to report?

Item 3, Page 6,—In regard to the question of a union with the General Synod,—Whether the committee is now ready to report?

Item 4, Page 12,—In reference to the Circulars which were to be printed in connection with the Minutes of last Synod, whether they have been distributed and read publically as directed, &c.

Item 5, Page 13,—In regard to committee on Beneficiary Education, which, for want of time, asked to be continued to this term of Synod: Is said committee prepared to report?

Item 6, Page 14,—On report of committee on joint or branch Synod, in regard to calling a convention for the purpose of conferring upon the subject of a union of branch Synods,—Has this conference been held?

Item 7, Page 15,—In reference to preparing a concise history of this Synod and having it published in the Lutheran and Missionary; has it been done?

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX,
T. MILLER,
F. H. DOMINICK.

The Report was received, and acted on, item by item:—

Item 1, of the report, was taken up, and the committee were discharged.

Item 2, was taken up, and the committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee, appointed to examine and report on certain questions of Church Discipline, after giving the matter all the attention and study which the opportunity, afforded us, has permitted, find that the same difficulties, which heretofore have prevented us from making our report, still exist, and are likely to continue to exist, for some time, at least:—We, therefore, respectfully ask, that this Committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
T. MOSER,
A. COSTNER.

The report was received and adopted.

Item 3, was taken up, and passed over for the present, the committee not being ready to report.

Item 4, was presented, and on examination it was found that it had been complied with.

Item 5, was introduced, and it was found that the committee is ready to report, when called on.

Item 6, was taken up, and in regard to it, it was found that nothing has been done, as yet.

Item 7, came up and, as there was no report from the committee, before Synod, the matter was passed over.

The committee to prepare a constitution in regard to Beneficiary Education, now reported. The report was read, and received. On motion it was taken up article by article for action.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet again on Wednesday, the 9th, at 8½ o'clock, A. M.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Synod was called to order, and opened with suitable religious services.

The roll was called; the Minutes read, and confirmed.

The report of the committee to prepare a constitution in regard to Beneficiary Education was resumed; and amended, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, appointed at the last convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, to prepare and lay before Synod, a Constitution to provide the means and direct their application, for the education of young men, for the Gospel Ministry, in the Evanglical Lutheran Church, beg leave to respectfully submit the following:

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD IN THE WORK OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Article I.—There shall be elected, annually, by Synod, a Receiving and Disbursing Agent, who shall discharge the duties of Treasurer, and hold office until his successor shall be appointed.

Article II.—The President of Synod shall give all orders upon the Treasurer, in favor of Beneficiaries, which may be directed by Synod; or, if a young man, who is already under the care of Synod, he may grant him such aid as the contingencies may require, or the circumstances will admit. He shall keep a careful account of all orders given by him, and shall annually compare his account with the account kept by the Treasurer, and report upon the same. He shall report, annually, to Synod, his transactions for the year, including the number of Beneficiaries, their progress, prospects and Christian deportment, with anything which he may deem necessary and interesting to Synod. During vacation of Synod, all communications on the subject of beneficiary education, and applications for aid, shall be addressed to the President; which shall be laid before the next meeting of Synod.

Article III.—The Secretary of Synod shall record the reports of the President and Treasurer, and, in the event of the death or removal of the President, the Secretary shall act as the President, until the vacancy shall be filled.

Article IV.—The Treasurer shall keep a clear and correct account of all moneys which shall come into his hands, shall report annually, to Synod, all the receipts and expenditures of the year, and be prepared with vouchers to sustain the same. He shall allow and pay all the orders of the President.

Article V.—All moneys collected from the congregations, or otherwise, and donations for the purpose of beneficiary education, shall be paid over to the Treasurer, for which he shall give his receipt.

Article VI.—The Treasurer shall, upon payment of all moneys to Beneficiaries, take from them bonds, payable to the Treasurer of Synod, with the condition that, in the event that any one, receiving aid from Synod, shall abandon his studies without the consent of Synod, or, after completing the same, shall refuse to engage in the Gospel Ministry in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or shall, for cause, be deposed from the ministry, that then, in either of said events, said bonds shall become due immediately, and payable, with interest, at 6 per cent, per annum, on the same, from the occurrence of either of said events.

Article VII.—Synod shall have the full control and direction of the studies, and place of conducting the same, of all Beneficiaries.

Article VIII.—Diligent and rigid inquiry shall be made into the Christian character, talents, and pecuniary ability of every applicant for aid, and, if his piety or his talents be not above reproach and of a high order, he shall not receive aid. No one, applying for aid, can receive any of the funds of the Synod, unless he is a member of the Lutheran Church, in full communion, and receives and holds the doctrines set forth in the Confessions of the Church.

Article IX.—Every Minister, educated by this Synod, shall be regarded and held, in honor bound, to labor within the bounds of this Synod for not less than ten years, unless excused by resolution of Synod.

Article X.—Every Minister, in connection with this Synod, will be expected to take up collections, in each of his congregations, annually, in the most judicious manner, for the purpose of beneficiary education.

Article XI.—These regulations shall be subject to amendment, at any meeting of Synod, after giving one day's notice of the proposed amendment, and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

JACOB KILLIAN,
A. KOINER.

An election was now held for a Receiving and Disbursing Agent, and resulted in favor of Ambrose Costner, Esq.

On motion, the following Resolution was passed:

Whereas, The labors of this body are about to close, we feel that to fail to express our gratitude and kind feelings toward our friends of this vicinity, who have done so much to minister to our comfort and happiness, while sojourning among them, we would prove untrue to ourselves and unworthy of such kind treatment;

Be it, therefore Resolved, That the Rev. T. Miller, this day, just before preaching at 11 o'clock, in a public manner, express to them our appreciation of the kind treatment which we have received at their hands.

On motion, the following was adopted as a caption to the Articles on Beneficiary Education:

Regulations for the government of the Evan. Luth. Tenn. Synod in the work of Beneficiary Education.

The committee on President's Report, now reported as follows; the report was received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, your committee on President's Report, have examined that document, and find several recommendations and suggestions calling for action of Synod.

1st,—That officer calls to our attention, the death of three beloved brethren in the Ministry; in reference to whom, we recommend the following for the adoption of Synod:—*Whereas*, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church, in the wise dispensations of his providence, to call from their labors on earth to their reward in heaven, our Rev'd Fathers—A. Henkel and C. G. Reitzel, and our Rev. bro. A. Efird; be it, therefore, *Resolved*, That, by the death of these, our beloved brethren in the ministry, their families, and their relatives, have lost most affectionate heads, who were examples of domestic, social, and moral virtues—sound in faith and doctrine; the Church and the Synod, to which they belonged, devout and faithful members.

Resolved, That we humbly submit to the dispensations of God, "who does all things well," and be encouraged while we are spared to labor in our Master's vineyard, to be more faithful in the work before us.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved families and relatives of our beloved co-laborers in the ministry; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them.

2.—He urges upon the attention of Synod the importance of a more vigorous prosecution of the work of Beneficiary Education,—your committee recommend that Synod take such action as will accomplish this desirable object.

3.—The attention of Synod is also called to the subject of union with the Gen. Synod South; but as this matter is in the hands of a committee to report to this meeting, we deem no recom-

mendation necessary.

4.—The president recommends that a change be made in our policy with regard to lay-representation; but with all deference to the opinion of the president, your committee are not prepared to recommend that any changes be made at present.

5.—Synod's attention is also called to our Hymn Book, and a recommendation is made that a committee, for its revision, be appointed,—while your committee however, fully concur with the President in his opinion of the defects of the book, we, are of opinion, all things considered, that the appointment of such committee is at present inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
J. R. PETERSON,
A. COSTNER.

The report was then taken up, and considered item by item.

Item 1, was taken up and, in regard to it, the recommendation of the committee was adopted,—the Synod rising and standing for the space of five minutes.

Item 2, was taken up; in regard to it, it was found that such action had already been taken.

Item 3, was taken up and, in regard to it, the committee on Union with the General Synod in North America reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION WITH GENERAL SYNOD.

We, the Committee, to whom was referred the subject of a union of this Synod, with the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, has given the subject much study, and while we have found many things in connection with it, which would make such union desirable, we have also found many other things, which seem, to your committee, to indicate that union with that ecclesiastical body is, at present, of such doubtful propriety, that we are wholly unprepared to recommend such a connection and, therefore, most respectfully ask, that your committee be excused from the further consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON.
A. COSTNER.

The report was received and adopted, and the committee relieved.

Item 4, of the committee on President's report was taken up and, in regard to it, the sentiment of the committee was sustained.

Item 5, was taken up, and relative to it, the opinion of the committee was adopted. A motion for reconsideration was made, but lost.

On motion of J. W. Morgan, the following resolution was passed.

Be it, therefore, Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Fox, of N. C., be requested to preach a Funeral Sermon in Cedar Grove church, on Sunday, the 14th inst., as an act of gratitude from the congregation, who mourn the irreparable loss of their faithful pastor—Rev. A. EFIRD. Let his short-comings be written in sand—his virtues upon the tablets of our hearts;—and let us, as Synodical brethren, cherish his memory.

The committee on the state of the Church now reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

As the surviving member of the Committee on the State of the Church, I would submit the following:

My opportunity for obtaining information concerning this interesting subject, has been less favorable than I desired; I have learned, however, much to encourage us. Our congregations, under the supervision and regular services of Pastors, are steadily increasing in numbers and piety. Even with

those destitute of regular preaching, there still are found encouraging evidences of true Church-life, manifesting themselves. The zeal for maintaining and perpetuating the true doctrines of the Church, instead of abating, is rather increasing. True Church love, your Committee is happy to be able to say, is growing more intense. Liberal enterprises are being still further prosecuted and, according to present appearances, they will be, in a few years more, as generaliy promoted, by our people, as they are in other Southern Lutheran Synods.

But, on the other hand, there are aspects which render our prospect somewhat discouraging. Some of the most faithful and useful members of our congregations are, from time to time, called off to their reward in the future world. Young men, and families in the Church, are removing to sections beyond the territorial limits of our Synod, and thus, our ranks, in some places, are thinned. Within the last few years, several of our most useful Ministers have removed from amongst us, to other portions of the Church; and are successfully laboring in the bounds of other Synods. Within the last two years, six of our brethren in the Ministry, have been removed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. Some of them, it is true, were old and infirm, but, others were in the prime of life and usefulness. These things have so much increased the labor of our Ministers as to render it impossible for them to supply all the points, as they should be; and, from the want of a sufficient number of Ministers, some are left destitute.

These things, and others unnecessary to mention in this report, render this side of the picture rather disparaging. But, there seems to be a brighter day coming; the interest of our people is being awakened on the subject of Beneficiary Education. A suitable plan, for operations, is being inaugurated and, I have no doubt, will be perfected at this meeting of our Synod, which, if faithfully carried out, can not fail to bring many talented, pious, and faithful young men into our clerical ranks; who, we trust will, in a few years more, not only enable us to supply, all our vacant congregations, with the regular administration of the means of grace, but, enable us, to diminish the extent of our pastorates so much, as to furnish our people with more frequent and regular Sunday-service, to the better instruction of our young people;—and, in short, to enable our pastors to more fully discharge the several duties of their sacred office.

Other matters of interest might be included in this Report, but, as it is already of sufficient length, we shall, for the present, defer them.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.

The report was read, received, and adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet again after preaching, Rev. T. Miller leading in prayer.

On motion, Carroll Bookman, having asked leave of absence, it was granted.

On motion, D. W. Price having asked leave of absence, it was granted.

The committee on Treasurer's Report now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

1869, Oct. 19.—To am't rec'd from last year's Treas'r,	$40,65	By paid printing,	$58,00
Contributions,	39,70	" " postage,	5,82
		" am't to balance,	16,53
Total receipts,	$80,35	Total credits,	$80,35
To am't on hand, balance,	$16,53		

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK, *Treasurer.*

We, the Committee on the Treasurer's Report, have examined the report, and find it correct. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
A. COSTNER,
U. B. WHITES.

It was received and adopted.
The committee on examination now reported.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

Your committee, on examination, having examined the manuscript sermon, prepared by Licentiate Rev. M. L. Fox, take pleasure in saying, that we find it judicious in design and arrangement, clear in the exposition of its matter and parts, and forcible and respectable as to its style. In view of indications so favorable, we earnestly recommend a renewal of his License.

S. HENKEL,
J. R. PETERSON,
T. MOSER.

It was received and adopted.
On motion, the following Resolution was passed:

Be it, Resolved, That we advise our people to buy our present Hymn Book, as it is not probable, that any change will be made, at an early period.

Revs. J. R. Peterson, T. Moser, and A. Costner, Esq., asked leave of absence; their request was not granted.
On motion, the subject in regard to the time and place for the next meeting of Synod was taken up, and resulted in favor of Philadelphia church, Gaston Co. N. C., Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge, as the place, and Saturday before the third Sunday of October 1871, as the time.
On motion, excused absentees were marked on the roll by a *, absent and unexcused, by a †.
On motion, the following persons were appointed as Delegates to Sister Synods:—
Rev. A. J. Fox, to the North Carolina Synod, Rev. T. Moser, alternate; Rev. J. R. Peterson, to the Holston Synod, and Rev. D. Efird, his alternate; Rev. S. Henkel, to Pennsylvania Synod, and Rev. T. Miller, his alternate.
On motion, the following Resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Minutes of Synod be printed, as usual; and, that three copies be sent to each of the Ministers of this Synod, and one copy to each Lutheran Synod in the South.

A call was now made to receive young men under the care of Synod, and the following persons applied, through Rev. S. Henkel, and were received under the care of Synod, with a view to qualifying themselves for the Ministry:—Junius S. Keiner, Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.; J. Paul Stirewalt, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.; and William H. Smith, Hamburg, Shenandoah Co., Va.;—and the following, through Rev. J. M. Smith;—Adolphus Yount, Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.; and Wilburn T. Miller, Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
On motion, the President was invested with all the power the Synod has, with regard to Beneficiary Education; and, that he exercise this power, until Synod meet again, in regard to applications for aid, by beneficiaries, and grant such aid as he may think right in each case.
On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the Minutes were adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet in Philadelphia church, Gaston Co., N. C., on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1871.

Synod was closed with prayer.

SOCRATES HENKEL, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.*

	MINISTERS.	Entered the Ministry,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Baptisms		Confirmations,	Funerals,	Number of Sunday Schools,	Contributions for Minutes,
					Adults,	Infants,				
1	Rev. A. J. FOX,	1838	7	1050	4	93	44	33	5	
2	" J. KILLIAN,	0000	1	72	8	12	16	22	1	
3	" H. GOODMAN,	0000	3	197	0	38	36	3	0	
4	" J. R. PETERSON,	1843	4	350	0	46	10	11	1	$8 00
5	" T. MOSER,	1844	5	200	2	10	8	8	0	2 50
6	" T. CROUSE,	1846	8	509	3	30	28	6	1	6 45
7	" S. HENKEL,	1850	6	550	5	29	55	22	3	3 00
8	" J. M. SMITH,	1856	8	1500	2	110	89	36	4	
9	" J. S. BENNICK,	1866	6	550	5	49	40	12	0	5 00
	TOTALS, ...		48	4978	29	417	326	153	15	$24 95

* *This whole Report is very incomplete—some of the Ministers having failed to hand in their Reports.*

OFFICERS:

Rev. A. J. FOX, - - -	President.
Rev. S. HENKEL, - - - -	Rec. Sec.
Rev. J. R. PETERSON, - - -	Cor. Sec.
Rev. T. MILLER, - - - -	Treasurer.

Time and Place for the Next Meeting of Synod:

SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY OF OCT. 1871.

Philadelphia Church, Gaston, N. C.

(Rev. J. R. Peterson's Charge.)

1870-1879

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod

HELD IN

St. Peter Church, Lexington, S. C.

November 5--9, 1870.

"SHENANDOAH VALLEY" OFFICE,

New Market, Shenandoah County, Va.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, Nov. 5, 1870.

PURSUANT to adjournment, the Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened in St. Peter Church, Lexington County, South Carolina.

The exercises of the occasion, in the absence of the President, were opened in an appropriate manner, by Rev. T. Crouse, who then preached from Matt. 11, 28-30. He was then followed by Rev. J. M. Smith, who preached from Eph. 2. 13,—after which, seventeen Catechumen were received into full communion with the Church, through the ancient Rite of Confirmation.

SUNDAY, November 6, 1870—10 o'clock, A. M.

An unusually large congregation having assembled at the appointed time, the services of the morning were led by Rev. Dr. Fox, who preached from Ps. 116, 12-14. He was then followed by Rev. J. R. Peterson, who preached from Heb. 2, 8. Confession and Absolution were then held by the *pastor loci*, according to the custom of the Church.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a large number of communicants. During all the exercises, necessarily protracted, a feeling of sacred and solemn devotion and meditation seemed to pervade the entire congregation. How pleasant and refreshing, for brethren to meet and commune together!

MONDAY, November 7—9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. The President opened the occasion in an appropriate manner. The house then came to order, the Clerical Roll was called, the absentees noted, and the Lay-delegates presented their certificates of election.

CLERICAL ROLL.

	NAMES.	ADDRESSES.
1.	Rev. H. Goodman,*	Statesville, Iredell Co., N. C.
2.	" J. Killian,*	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.
3.	" J. R. Moser,*	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
4.	" A. J. Fox,	Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C.
5.	" H. Wetzel,†	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va.
6.	" P. C. Henkel,*	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
7.	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C.
8.	" T. Moser,	Coburn's Store, Union Co., N. C.
9.	" G. Schmucker,†	Upper Tract, Pendleton Co., W. V.
10.	" T. Crouse,	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.
11.	" S. Henkel,	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
12.	" D. Efird,	Pine Ridge, Lexington Co., S. C.
13.	" C. Moretz,*	Boone, Watauga Co., N. C.
14.	" J. E. Seneker,†	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.
15.	" J. M. Smith,	Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
16.	" I. Conder,*	McGaheysville, Rockingham Co, Va.
17.	" T. Miller,	Lantz' Mills, Shenandoah Co., Va.
18.	" J. S. Bennick,*	Forestville, Shenandoah Co., Va.

* Absent, excused. † Absent, not excused.

LICENTIATES.

M. L. Fox,	.. .. ..	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.

APPLICANT.

J. N. Stirewalt,	.. .. ..	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Ambrose Costner,	.. ..	Salem, Daniel, Grace, Sardis, Trinity, and St. Mark churches, N. C.
Luke Seastrunk,	.. ..	Zion Church, S. C.
D. W. Price,	.. ..	St. Paul, Church, S. C.
J. W. Morgan,	.. ..	Cedar Grove, " "
Carroll Bookman,	.. ..	Bethlehem " "
A. L. Crouse,	.. ..	Coble and Melancthon, N. C.
Solomon R. Beck,	.. ..	Beck, Pilgrim, Emanuel, and New Jerusalem churches, N. C.
G. F. Ellisor,	.. ..	St. John church, S. C.
F. H. Dominick,	.. ..	St. Peter " "
U. B. Whites,	.. ..	St. Jacob " "
Timothy Moretz,	.. ..	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
M. L. Little,	.. ..	St. Peter, St. John, St. Paul, and St. James churches, N. C.
H. G. Sides,	.. ..	Zion and St. Stephen, "

The President now presented and read his report, which was received:—

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Dear Brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:—Another Synodical year has passed away, and we, in the providence of God, are permitted to meet again as a Synod. We acknowledge the renewed obligations now resting upon us, to be grateful to the Giver of all good, for past favors, present blessings, and promises of future mercies;—God forbid that any of us should ever, by wicked works or ingratitude, render ourselves unworthy of our holy calling, or disappoint the expectation of the Christian Church, over which, in the Providence of God, we have been appointed as overseers.

CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

On the 17th day of October last, and while the Synod was in session, in New Market, Va., I gave to Rev. W. H. Swaney, a certificate of honorable dismission from this body. He has since become a member of one of the English District Synods of Ohio; and, so far as I have been able to learn, is now laboring, within the bounds of said Synod, successfully and with acceptance.

DEATHS OF MINISTERS.

Soon after the adjournment of the last Synod, Rev. A. Henkel, whose health had been declining for a length of time, departed this life. "He died in a good old age, an old man and full of years,' 'and was gathered to his people." Of him, it may be truthfully said, that he was sound in the faith and pure in morals; he leaves a legacy, to his family and the Lutheran Church, in the brightness of his example, and his devotion to the interests of the Synod, of which he was a worthy and honored member for the period of about fifty years.

In this connection, it is also our painful duty to record the death of Rev. A. Efird, of Lexington, S. C., who departed this life on the 13th day of Sep-

tember, last. Of this brother, personally, we knew but little—having seen him but once—we understand, however, from those who were intimately acquainted with him, that his praise "was in all the churches." It is to be hoped that some one, having full knowledge of his life and labors, will favor the Church with a suitable Obituary Notice of this servant of God.*

In all our afflictions, we acknowledge the providence of God, and admit that his ways are best, though we comprehend them not.

VACANCIES SUPPLIED.

The charge left vacant by the death of Rev. J. Stirewalt is now supplied by Rev. J. S. Bennick, a young man of much promise, whose services are highly appreciated by his people.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

The attention of Synod has been called to this subject in various ways. By the recommendations of your former President, and by the Committee, who were appointed at our last meeting to prepare and submit a plan to aid us, in our future operations. We have now before us, in the shape of a Circular, the recommendations and suggestions of this Committee. We are made acquainted with the wants and destitution of the Church on the one hand, and on the other, we are informed of her ability to supply, yea, more than supply all these wants, and we have set before us in a clear and forcible light the consequences, if the Church fails to wake up to the full measure of her responsibility. It has become an absolute necessity that the Church enjoy an educated ministry; on this subject, I hope there is amongst us but one opinion; hence, I repeat it, our ministers must be educated. We may differ in relation to the plan to be produced, and the standard to be attained; here we express no opinion,—the wisdom of Synod can better do this.

Whatever be the plan, or the standard, we must have means to pursue the one and attain the other; in other words, we must have money, in order to meet with success in all enterprises that contemplate an educated ministry.

I do not mean to say, however, that our ministers now in the field, and engaged in the work of the Lord, are ignorant men, or that they will not compare favorably with the same number of men, engaged in the same calling, in other branches of the Christian Church; but, I must say, there is a want of energy with us, in adapting the proper means to accomplish certain ends. Other Christian communities have engaged in various plans, both of missionary and educational enterprises, and success, sometimes beyond their most sanguine expectations, has crowned their efforts. In passing through various sections of our country, we frequently meet with large and beautiful houses of worship, where congregations crowd to hear the Word of God, while we have become an isolated people, and, in many localities and neighborhoods, our members still worship in the same house which was built by their fathers, half a century ago, and I am sorry to say, often yet in an unfinished condition. I am truly happy to see, that here the Church enjoys a brighter prospect. I do not feel called upon to express an opinion as to the cause of this unpleasant state of things, but there evidently is a reason for the facts to which I refer. Why is it, that the means and resources in the Church have not been called out, and employed variously in the Work of the Lord? Many of our Churches have become uncomfortable for want of repairs; and ministers are dying, leaving vacant charges; and there are none to occupy these vacant fields;—while others are compelled, with painful anxiety, to contemplate the future, and even now have their minds fixed on distant fields, and are inquiring whether it is not their duty, as it would evidently be to their interest, to change their position in the Christian church. With them it is not a matter of choice but of necessity.

I frequently hear men boast of the soundness of their faith, and the purity

of their morals, but it so happens, that sound faith and good morals, will neither educate a beneficiary, build a decent and comfortable house of worship, nor sustain a Pastor in his charge;—other means and instrumentalities are necessary, and must be used.

UNION WITH THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The committee, in whose hands this matter rests, for some cause, (best known to themselves,) have failed to have a meeting, and consequently, up to this time, have rendered no report, and at the last meeting of Synod, at their own solicitation, were continued as a committee, with a view of still pursuing the investigation of the subject in all its various and difficult bearings—contemplating a full and final report at the present meeting of Synod. In my own mind I am satisfied, that the committee have done, and are still doing, the very best they can, under all the circumstances of the case. In the absence of the report, I do not feel it my duty to recommend any action, or even make a suggestion as to the course the Synod ought to pursue:—I hope, however, this long delayed report will be forthcoming, and that Synod will promptly act and decide the case upon its merits.

POLICY OF THE CHURCH IN RELATION TO LAY DELEGATES.

It is the policy of the Lutheran church, all over the land, to receive lay delegates into the Synod, whether these Synods are General, or District Synods—but, so far as I am informed, as a general rule, it is not allowed in any Synod, that the Lay-Delegation shall exceed that of the Pastors, Licentiates, and, sometimes, Students of Theology. With us, the policy is to allow every organized congregation, however small, to send a delegate; and, if a Pastor has 6, or even more,, organized congregations, under his care, each one is entitled to a delegate, with the right and privilege of voting on all questions, brought before the Synod. We sometimes hear politicians and Government officials talk of the balance of power; well, if every pastor is allowed to bring to Synod, six, eight or even more Delegates, it is easy to perceive where the balance of power lies; but some will say, who has anything to fear from the number of Lay Delegates in our conventions? I answer, as a general rule we have nothing to fear from their presence, and are glad to see them, and we hope they will always attend when convenient. Here however permit me to remind you that in Virginia we have a *Concordia Synod*, which body would not be in existence now, but for the very policy to which I refer—I therefore regard the practice, referred to above, as an evil in the Church, and recommend that it be remedied.

OUR HYMN BOOK.

The Hymn Book, in use in all our congregations, in many respects is a good one, but, like all human productions, it has its defects. Many of the hymns are too long to be used to edification either in public or family worship—too many are the compositions of one man. I have never taken the trouble to count those marked with a dagger, but the number is large,—too much so for a book of its size, unless the author is a man of rare poetical talents. Some of the Hymns are not remarkable for that spirituality which is the life and soul of all poetry and music, which contemplate the worship of God. "I will sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also," said the Apostle. When this inspiration is wanting, vain is the melody, useless the song; and not a few fail to exhibit that poetical excellence which is so desirable, when we sing the praises of Him, who is exalted far above our highest conception. I therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to examine this work, and report to Synod whether a revision of our Hymn Book is not called for.

And now, dear Brethren, I return to you the trust which twelve months ago you confided to me. I am grateful for the honor bestowed. I have dis-

charged my duties to the best of my ability, and have labored to give offence to none. May the kind providence of God be ever with you, and prosper you in all that is good—may your last end be that of the righteous, which is always peace. Yours fraternally, in the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. T. MILLER.

*Since the above was written, I have seen, published in the *Lutheran Visitor*, Oct. 5, the following "**Memoriam**," of brother A. Efird, which I have attached to this report, and desire the same to be read to Synod:

In Memoriam.—And again another. The Rev. Adam Efird, of Lexington, County, S. C., September 13. And all his days were forty-nine years, four months, and twenty-three days.

He was born in Stanley County, N. C., April 20, 1821, confirmed in St. Martin church, by Rev. A. J. Fox, April 6, 1839, and ordained to the Ministerial office, in St. Peter church, Sullivan County, Tennessee, in October, 1847. He removed to Lexington County, S. C., in October of 1854, and took charge of several churches in connection with the Tennessee Synod. Actively engaged in the work of his Lord, beloved by his people, and honored and respected by the community, he proved himself to be a workman that needed not to be ashamed. His health, however, failed, and he, unable from bodily infirmity to continue his labor in the sacred office, offered, last March, his resignation; but his people would not give him up. He was unanimously re-elected, though unable to officiate. His five churches clung to him while he lived, and though his demise was not generally known, he was followed to his last resting-place by a large multitude of mourning and attached people.

He served, during the war, as a member of the Legislature for two years, and filled the office of Probate Judge for Lexington County, at the time of his death. He had held the office for nearly six years. He leaves a wife and six children, to watch, wait, and follow in the narrow path. One son had gone before him, to the happy land on high. Rev. Dr. Rude, of Columbia, performed the funeral services. D.

Editorial.—We, too, have a word to say of, and a loving tribute to offer to the memory of, our departed brother and friend. Oft, during the war, did he call on us, bringing the contributions of his people, for the relief of our sick and suffering soldiers. After the war, we met less frequently; the last time, when he assisted at the laying of the corner-stone of the church at Lexington C. H. We always found him to be a kind, true-hearted, earnest believer. He loved his country and his fellow-men, his Church and his brethren, his Savior and his God.

He fought—he conquered—the golden crown rests on his brow. R.

An election was now hel l for Synodical Officers, which resulted as follows:

Rev. A. J. FOX,	. . .	President.
" S. HENKEL,	. . .	Recording Secretary.
" J. R. PETERSON,	. .	Corresponding Secretary.
" T. MILLER,	. . .	Treasurer.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Rude, of Columbia, Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltzer, of Walhalla, and Rev. J. N. Deireck, of the S. C. Synod, and Rev. J. Austin, of the Georgia Synod, were received as Advisory Members.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet again after preaching. During recess, Rev. T. Miller preached, from Heb. 12, 28.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday,—2 o'clock, P. M.

The house came to order, and the roll was called.

The President announced the following Committees:

On Minutes of other Synods.—Revds. J. R. Peterson, T. Miller, and Mr. J. W. Morgan.

On Petitions.—Revds. J. M. Smith, D. Efird, and Mr. M. L. Little.

On Letters and Papers.—Revds. T. Moser, T. Crouse, and Mr. T. L. Crouse.

On Unfinished Business.—Revds. T. Miller, M. L. Fox, and Mr. F. H. Dominick.

On PRESIDENT'S REPORT,—Revds. J. M. Smith, J. R. Peterson, and A. Costner, Esq.

On EXAMINATION,—Revds. S. Henkel, T. Moser, and J. R. Peterson.

On STATE OF THE CHURCH,—Revds. J. R. Peterson, T. Miller, and D. Efird.

On TREASURER'S REPORT,—Rev. T. Moser, and Messrs. A. Costner and U. B. Whites.

The Letters, Petitions, and Papers, designed for Synod, were now called for, and assigned to the proper committees.

The Corresponding Delegate, to the Holston Synod, presented to his report, which was received, as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO E. L. HOLSTON SYNOD.

Having been appointed a Delegate to the E. L. Holston Synod, by the last annual session of this Synod, I would submit the following:

Owing to quite an unusual amount of sickness in my section of country, my professional engagements were such, that I could not attend the last annual meeting of that Synod. And, for the want of time, I failed to write a communication to that Synod, previous to its assembling. Since then, however, I addressed letters to two of the members of that Synod, inquiring of them, Whether the Synod had taken any action in regard to the proposed union of that Synod and ours? and received answers, informing me that, owing to my failing to attend their meeting, the subject was not called up; but, they assure me that a majority of their ministers and people are decidedly in favor of such union. I very much regret my inability to meet those brethren, in the late convention of their Synod, and trust my brethren will have the kindness to excuse me.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.

The Corresponding Delegate to the North Carolina Synod now presented his report, which was received, as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO THE N. C. SYNOD.

The delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina reports, that he attended the late meeting of that Synod, which convened in Luther chapel, Rowan County, N. C., on Thursday, before the Fourth Sunday of August last, and was cordially received. He found those brethren actively engaged in the Master's work. The report of the pastors, on the state of their several charges, exhibited an encouraging state of the Church. The collections taken for Synodical and other benevolent purposes, show considerable improvement upon former years. The only action taken, having direct reference to this body, is the appointment of a committee, to confer with a similar committee of this Synod, upon the subject of a union of the two bodies. This action will be reported to this meeting of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON.

The Corresponding Secretary presented his report, which was received, as follows:

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Within the past Synodical year no correspondence in writing has been necessary, and, therefore, I have nothing to report of that kind. The Minutes of the last session—of our Synod—were promptly forwarded to me, by the Treasurer, for distribution among the Synods in correspondence with this Synod, and forwarded to some of the members of each of those Synods. The Minutes of most of these Synods, and also the Minutes of some other Synods, and General Bodies, have been received, and are herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

Pursuant to previous notice, Rev. J. R. Peterson moved, that the Committee on Minutes of Sister Synods be discontinued, and that their duties devolve on the Corresponding Secretary. The motion prevailed.

A Funeral procession, conveying the earthly remains of Miss BARBARA WIGGUS, having approached the church, Synod adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at 9 o'clock. The *pastor loci* now attended to the funeral rites, and Rev. S. Henkel preached a funeral discourse, from Amos 4, 12.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, Nov. 8,—9 o'clock.

Synod was called to order, Rev. J. M. Smith leading devotional exercises. The roll was called. The proceedings of the previous sessions were read, received, and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Petitions was now read and received:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

No. 1,—Is a communication from Revs. H. Wetzel, J. E. Seneker, and Geo. Schmucker, demanding that their names be dropped from the roll of the Pasters of this Synod.

Nos. 2 and 3,—are memorials from Friendship church, Alexander Co., and Philadelphia church Caldwell Co., N. C., of the same import; in which the memorialists express their disapprobation of any present union with any general body of the Lutheran church, and also their disapproval of the course of Synod upon the subject of Beneficiary Education.

No. 4,—Is a petition from Mt. Pleasant church, Watauga Co., N. C., praying for an investigation, by the Synod, of difficulties existing between their former pastor, Rev. C. Moretz, and many members of the congregation.

No. 5,—Is a memorial from Revs. J. R. Moser and P. C. Henkel, in which they inform Synod of a contemplated change in their relations, by entering into some kind of union with the Synod of Mo., and ask the advice of this body in reference to the same.

Nos. 6 and 7,—Are petitions from St. Paul church, Shenandoah Co., Va., and Mt. Calvary church, Page Co., Va., praying Synod to examine John N. Stirewalt, if present, as to his qualifications to bear the office of Pastor, and, if found qualified, to ordain him to that office; and, if not present, to make provision for the same, either by the appointment of a committee for that purpose, or, by authorizing the Va. Special Conference to perform the same.

No. 8,—Is a memorial from Bethlehem church, Augusta Co., Va., in which the memorialists, first recommend the appointment of a committee, to meet the committee appointed by the late meeting of the Evang. Luth. Synod of N. C., to confer upon the subject of a union of the two bodies; 2ndly, they recommend to Synod the appointment of a commission to attend the annual convention of the Evan. Luth. Council, with a view to the formation of a better acquaintance preparatory to union with it. 3rdly,—They recommend the adoption of some systematic plan of raising means for the purpose of prosecuting beneficiary education. 4thly, they suggest the propriety of a correspondence between this body and all other Southern Lutheran Synods, by means of an interchange of delegates. 5thly,—They suggest that Synod recommend the Staunton Female Sem. as a suitable school for the education of our daughters. 6th—They also pray that the next meeting of Synod be held in their church—Bethlehem.

No. 9,—Is a petition, from Melancthon church, Randolph County, N. C., for the examination and ordination of Licentiate, M. L. Fox, and they pray Synod to hold its meeting in said church.

In reference to the above communications, your Committee suggests the following for the adoption of Synod:

As to No. 1,—We recommend that, inasmuch as their action has been irregular, and they have failed to comply with the requirements of the Synod, in reference to the formation of a Synod in the State of Virginia, composed of our ministers and congregations in that State, be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we cannot, consistently, comply with their demand, to strike their names from our Clerical Roll.

In reference to Nos. 3 and 4,—We deem no action necessary.

As to Item 4,—We recommend that Synod appoint a committee of two Ministers, to investigate the difficulties existing between Rev. C. Moretz and members of Mt. Pleasant church.

As to Item 5,—We recommend, that the communication of Bros. Moser and Henkel, of Mo., be read before Synod, and such action be taken as may be necessary.

As to Items 6 and 7,—Be it, RESOLVED, That the "Virginia Special Conference" be, hereby, authorized to examine brother J. N. Stirewalt, as to his qualifications to bear the office of Pastor, and, if found qualified, ordain him to that office.

As to No. 8,—Sec. 1,—Your Committee recommend that the committee, called for, be appointed. Sec. 2.—Your Committee are of opinion, that the appointment of a Commission, at this time, to the General Council, would not result in any practical advantage to either body. As to Sections 3, 4, and 5,—Your committee are of opinion, that no action is necessary on the part of this body, at this time. Sec. 6,—We recommend, that the application of Bethlehem church, for the Synod, be considered at the proper time.

Item 9,—Your committee recommend, that the petition for Bro. Fox's examination and ordination, receive the necessary attention; and, also, for the next session of Synod to be held in their church—Melancthon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
D. EFIRD,
M. L. LITTLE.

It was now moved, that the Report be acted upon by items:

No. 1, was taken up, and the recommendation of the committee was unanimously adopted.

Nos. 2 and 3, were taken up, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

No. 4, was now introduced, and, on motion, the suggestion of the committee was adopted, and the following were appointed, as the committee: Revds. J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith.

Rev. J. A. Sligh, of the South Carolina Synod, having appeared in Synod, was received as an advisory member.

No. 5, was considered; the communication read and, relative to it, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That these brethren be hereby advised, to pursue such course as they may deem most conducive to the best interests of that portion of the Church, over which they are called to watch.

Nos. 6 and 7, were taken up and, relative to them, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

No. 8, was considered and, in regard to it—section 1st was postponed for future action, at the proper time. Section 2nd, was taken up, and the sentiment of the committee was agreed to. Sections 3, 4, and 5, were considered, and the recommendation of the committee was sustained. Section 6th, was considered, and then passed over for future action, at the proper time.

No. 9, was taken up and, in regard to section 1, as Rev. M. L. Fox declined submitting to an examination, action was deemed unnecessary; and, in regard to section 2, the matter was deferred for future action.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet again after preaching. During recess, Rev. Prof. Smeltzer preached, from Heb. 1, 8.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY,—3 o'clock.

Synod met. The Roll was called.

The Committee on Minutes of Sister Synods now reported, as follows:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SISTER SYNODS.

The Committee, on the Minutes of Sister Synods, beg leave to report, that the following Minutes have been received:

1.—The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States. This Synod convened in St. John church, Walhalla, S. C., Oct. 14-18, 1869; it numbers twenty Ministers. The Officers elect are,—Rev. A. R. Rude, President; Rev. J. Hawkins, Recording Secretary; and Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, Corresponding Secretary.

2.—The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Georgia. This Synod numbers five Ministers. The Officers are,—Rev. S. W. Bedenbaugh, President; Rev. J. Austin, Secretary. This Synod convened at Mt. Pilgrim church, Coweta Co., Ga., Sept. 30–Oct. 3, 1869.

3.—The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in N. A. This body met in Convention, at Winchester, Va., on Thursday, June 9, 1870. It is composed of the following Synods: Synod of N. C., Synod of S. C., Synod of Va., Synod of S. W. Va., Synod of Ga., and Holston Synod. The Officers elected are, Revds. Prof. A. J. Brown, President; J. C. Repass, Secretary; and Mr. H. S. Baker, Treasurer. The Seventh Convention of the General Synod will be held in the city of Charleston, S. C., on Thursday before the Second Sabbath in May, 1872.

4.—Proceedings of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the U. S. This body assembled in its 24th Convention, in the city of Washington, in May, 1869. It is composed of 22 District Synods. Officers elected,—Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., President; Rev. L. E. Albert, D. D., Secretary; Mr. A. F. Ockershausen, Treasurer. Its Twenty-fifth Convention will be held in the City of Dayton, Ohio, on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1871.

5.—Minutes of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States. This Synod held its 123d Annual Meeting, in Trinity Lutheran church, Pottsville, Penn., June 12–16, 1870. This venerable Synod now numbers 152 Ministers, of whom 124 were present, with 76 Lay-delegates. The present Officers of that Synod are, Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., President; Rev. J. Fry, English Secretary; Rev. F. Walz, German Secretary; Rev. A. T. Geis-

senhainer, Treasurer. This Synod is actively engaged in the Master's work, and much business of importance, to the interest of that part of the Redeemer's kingdom over which they have been called to preside, was transacted.

6.—General Council of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This body met in its Third Convention in the city of Chicago, Ill., on the 4th day of Nov., 1869. This body is now composed of 11 District Synods, numbering 550 Ministers, 1,028 Congregations, 142,551 Communicants. The Officers elected to serve for the present term are, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., President; Rev. H. W. Roth, English Rec. Secretary; Rev. A. Spaeth, German Rec. Secretary; Rev. B. M. Schmucker, English Corresponding Secretary; Rev. G. H. Wenzel, German Cor. Secretary. The 4th Convention of the General Council commenced Nov. 3, 1870, in St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, Lancaster, Ohio.

7.—Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South-Western Virginia. This Synod met in convention, in Zion church, Floyd co., Va., Thursday, Aug. 9, 1869, and elected the following Officers: Rev. J. A. Brown, President; Rev. J. C. Repass, Secretary; Rev. E. H. McDonald, Treasurer—and, by appointment, were to meet again, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath of August last.

8.—The Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of N. C. This Mother-Synod of our Southern Lutheran Church, met in regular convention, at Frieden church, Guilford co., N. C., April 25, 1869, and held an adjourned meeting, at Salem church, Rowan co., N. C., Aug. 26, 1869, and elected the following Officers:—Rev. W. A. Julian, President; Rev. L. A. Bickle, Recording Secretary; Rev. D. J. Dreher, Cor. Sec.; Dr. P. A. Lifford, Treasurer.

Your Committee are much gratified to learn, that this Synod, at its adjourned meeting, adopted a new doctrinal basis, by which they placed themselves squarely on the Confessions of the Church. Your Committee find nothing in these Minutes requiring the action of Synod, but would recommend that the courtesy, extended to us, be reciprocated, by sending to each of these Synods, one copy of the Minutes of the present session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
T. MOSER,
J. W. MORGAN.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Letters now reported in the following manner:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS.

We the Committee on Letters, beg leave to submit the following Report—

No. 1,—Is a Letter from J. Killian, in which he informs us of his inability to be with us, and asks to be excused for his non-attendance. He expresses himself favorable to a union with the North Carolina Synod, provided it can be done upon a safe foundation. He, also, as Chairman of the Committee, appointed at the last session of your Synod, to prepare a Constitution on the subject of Beneficiary Education, and lay it before Synod, submits the same to this Synod.

No. 2,—Is a letter from Rev. I. Conder in which he gives the reason of his absence from the present session of Synod. He also expresses himself somewhat favorable to a union with the General Synod South.

No. 3,—Is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz in which he states his inability to be with us and asks to be excused; he urges the necessity of taking more active measures in forwarding the cause of Christ and expresses himself favorable to a union with some central Southern body.

No. 4,—Is a letter from Rev. H. Goodman in which he renders his excuse for his non-attendance, and asks to be excused; he also expresses himself unfavorable to a union with any other body.

No. 5,—Is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, corresponding delegate from the Evan. Luth. Synod of North Carolina, in which he expresses his desire to be with us and informs us, that, in consequence of the feeble state of his health, he is compelled to deny himself that enjoyment.—He assures us that his Synod most heartily sympathizes with us in our trials and difficulties, and rejoices in our success and prosperity. He informs us, that it is the desire of the N. Carolina Synod to enter into a closer bond of union with our Synod, and presents the Resolutions of their Synod with regard to such a union, together with the latter part of the report of their delegates to the General Synod of North America.

We recommend that Rev. J. Killian, Conder, Moretz, and Goodman, be excused for their non-attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY MOSER,
THOS. CROUSE,
A. L. CROUSE.

The Report was received, and considered item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, were considered, and the brethren excused.

Item 5, was taken up, and the following resolution passed:

Be it Resolved, That we deeply regret that brother Bernheim's feeble state of health does not permit him to be in our midst.

The First Section of No. 8, of the Report of the Committee on Petitions,

was now taken up, considered, and the recommendation of the committee adopted; and the following Committee was appointed:—Revds. A. J. Fox, T. Moser, J. M. Smith, and Messrs. Ambrose Costner and A. Conrad.

The Committee on Unfinished Business now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, the committee on unfinished business, on examination of the Minutes of last session of our Synod, find the following items, which we submit to the consideration of Synod:

Item 1, Page 5,—In regard to the Catawba Mission, there appear to be points undeveloped; we would inquire, whether the Committee has any farther information in regard to the matter?

Item 2, Page 6,—In report of committee on Church discipline, we would inquire whether said committee is now ready to report?

Item 3, Page 6,—In regard to the question of a union with the General Synod,—Whether the committee is now ready to report?

Item 4, Page 12,—In reference to the Circulars which were to be printed in connection with the Minutes of last Synod, whether they have been distributed and read publically as directed, &c.

Item 5, Page 13,—In regard to committee on Beneficiary Education, which, for want of time, asked to be continued to this term of Synod: Is said committee prepared to report?

Item 6, Page 14,—On report of committee on joint or branch Synod, in regard to calling a convention for the purpose of conferring upon the subject of a union of branch Synods,—Has this conference been held?

Item 7, Page 15,—In reference to preparing a concise history of this Synod and having it published in the Lutheran and Missionary; has it been done?

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX,
T. MILLER,
F. H. DOMINICK.

The Report was received, and acted on, item by item:—

Item 1, of the report, was taken up, and the committee were discharged.

Item 2, was taken up, and the committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee, appointed to examine and report on certain questions of Church Discipline, after giving the matter all the attention and study which the opportunity, afforded us, has permitted, find that the same difficulties, which heretofore have prevented us from making our report, still exist, and are likely to continue to exist, for some time, at least:—We, therefore, respectfully ask, that this Committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
T. MOSER,
A. COSTNER.

The report was received and adopted.

Item 3, was taken up, and passed over for the present, the committee not being ready to report.

Item 4, was presented, and on examination it was found that it had been complied with.

Item 5, was introduced, and it was found that the committee is ready to report, when called on.

Item 6, was taken up, and in regard to it, it was found that nothing has been done, as yet.

Item 7, came up and, as there was no report from the committee, before Synod, the matter was passed over.

The committee to prepare a constitution in regard to Beneficiary Education, now reported. The report was read, and received. On motion it was taken up article by article for action.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet again on Wednesday, the 9th, at 8½ o'clock, A. M.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Synod was called to order, and opened with suitable religious services,

The roll was called; the Minutes read, and confirmed.

The report of the committee to prepare a constitution in regard to Beneficiary Education was resumed; and amended, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

We, your Committee, appointed at the last convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, to prepare and lay before Synod, a Constitution to provide the means and direct their application, for the education of young men, for the Gospel Ministry, in the Evanglical Lutheran Church, beg leave to respectfully submit the following:

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD IN THE WORK OF BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Article I.—There shall be elected, annually, by Synod, a Receiving and Disbursing Agent, who shall discharge the duties of Treasurer, and hold office until his successor shall be appointed.

Article II.—The President of Synod shall give all orders upon the Treasurer, in favor of Beneficiaries, which may be directed by Synod; or, if a young man, who is already under the care of Synod, he may grant him such aid as the contingencies may require, or the circumstances will admit. He shall keep a careful account of all orders given by him, and shall annually compare his account with the account kept by the Treasurer, and report upon the same. He shall report, annually, to Synod, his transactions for the year, including the number of Beneficiaries, their progress, prospects and Christian deportment, with anything which he may deem necessary and interesting to Synod. During vacation of Synod, all communications on the subject of beneficiary education, and applications for aid, shall be addressed to the President; which shall be laid before the next meeting of Synod.

Article III.—The Secretary of Synod shall record the reports of the President and Treasurer, and, in the event of the death or removal of the President, the Secretary shall act as the President, until the vacancy shall be filled.

Article IV.—The Treasurer shall keep a clear and correct account of all moneys which shall come into his hands, shall report annually, to Synod, all the receipts and expenditures of the year, and be prepared with vouchers to sustain the same. He shall allow and pay all the orders of the President.

Article V.—All moneys collected from the congregations, or otherwise, and donations for the purpose of beneficiary education, shall be paid over to the Treasurer, for which he shall give his receipt.

Article VI.—The Treasurer shall, upon payment of all moneys to Beneficiaries, take from them bonds, payable to the Treasurer of Synod, with the condition that, in the event that any one, receiving aid from Synod, shall abandon his studies without the consent of Synod, or, after completing the same, shall refuse to engage in the Gospel Ministry in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or shall, for cause, be deposed from the ministry, that then, in either of said events, said bonds shall become due immediately, and payable, with interest, at 6 per cent, per annum, on the same, from the occurrence of either of said events.

Article VII.—Synod shall have the full control and direction of the studies, and place of conducting the same, of all Beneficiaries.

Article VIII.—Diligent and rigid inquiry shall be made into the Christian character, talents, and pecuniary ability of every applicant for aid, and, if his piety or his talents be not above reproach and of a high order, he shall not receive aid. No one, applying for aid, can receive any of the funds of the Synod, unless he is a member of the Lutheran Church, in full communion, and receives and holds the doctrines set forth in the Confessions of the Church.

Article IX.—Every Minister, educated by this Synod, shall be regarded and held, in honor bound, to labor within the bounds of this Synod for not less than ten years, unless excused by resolution of Synod.

Article X.—Every Minister, in connection with this Synod, will be expected to take up collections, in each of his congregations, annually, in the most judicious manner, for the purpose of beneficiary education.

Article XI.—These regulations shall be subject to amendment, at any meeting of Synod, after giving one day's notice of the proposed amendment, and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

JACOB KILLIAN,
A. KOINER.

An election was now held for a Receiving and Disbursing Agent, and resulted in favor of Ambrose Costner, Esq.

On motion, the following Resolution was passed:

Whereas, The labors of this body are about to close, we feel that to fail to express our gratitude and kind feelings toward our friends of this vicinity, who have done so much to minister to our comfort and happiness, while sojourning among them, we would prove untrue to ourselves and unworthy of such kind treatment;

Be it, therefore Resolved, That the Rev. T. Miller, this day, just before preaching at 11 o'clock, in a public manner, express to them our appreciation of the kind treatment which we have received at their hands.

On motion, the following was adopted as a caption to the Articles on Beneficiary Education:

Regulations for the government of the Evan. Luth. Tenn. Synod in the work of Beneficiary Education.

The committee on President's Report, now reported as follows; the report was received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, your committee on President's Report, have examined that document, and find several recommendations and suggestions calling for action of Synod.

1st,—That officer calls to our attention, the death of three beloved brethren in the Ministry; in reference to whom, we recommend the following for the adoption of Synod:—*Whereas*, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church, in the wise dispensations of his providence, to call from their labors on earth to their reward in heaven, our Rev'd Fathers—A. Henkel and C. G. Reitzel, and our Rev. bro. A. Efird; be it, therefore, *Resolved*, That, by the death of these, our beloved brethren in the ministry, their families, and their relatives, have lost most affectionate heads, who were examples of domestic, social, and moral virtues—sound in faith and doctrine; the Church and the Synod, to which they belonged, devout and faithful members.

Resolved, That we humbly submit to the dispensations of God, "who does all things well," and be encouraged while we are spared to labor in our Master's vineyard, to be more faithful in the work before us.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the bereaved families and relatives of our beloved co-laborers in the ministry; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them.

2.—He urges upon the attention of Synod the importance of a more vigorous prosecution of the work of Beneficiary Education,—your committee recommend that Synod take such action as will accomplish this desirable object.

3.—The attention of Synod is also called to the subject of union with the Gen. Synod South; but as this matter is in the hands of a committee to report to this meeting, we deem no recom-

endation necessary.

4.—The president recommends that a change be made in our policy with regard to lay-representation; but with all deference to the opinion of the president, your committee are not prepared to recommend that any changes be made at present.

5.—Synod's attention is also called to our Hymn Book, and a recommendation is made that a committee, for its revision, be appointed,—while your committee however, fully concur with the president in his opinion of the defects of the book, we, are of opinion, all things considered, that the appointment of such committee is at present inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
J. R. PETERSON,
A. COSTNER.

The report was then taken up, and considered item by item.

Item 1, was taken up and, in regard to it, the recommendation of the committee was adopted,—the Synod rising and standing for the space of five minutes.

Item 2, was taken up; in regard to it, it was found that such action had already been taken.

Item 3, was taken up and, in regard to it, the committee on Union with the General Synod in North America reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION WITH GENERAL SYNOD.

We, the Committee, to whom was referred the subject of a union of this Synod, with the Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America, has given the subject much study, and while we have found many things in connection with it, which would make such union desirable, we have also found many other things, which seem, to your committee, to indicate that union with that ecclesiastical body is, at present, of such doubtful propriety, that we are wholly unprepared to recommend such a connection and, therefore, most respectfully ask, that your committee be excused from the further consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON.
A. COSTNER.

The report was received and adopted, and the committee relieved.

Item 4, of the committee on President's report was taken up and, in regard to it, the sentiment of the committee was sustained.

Item 5, was taken up, and relative to it, the opinion of the committee was adopted. A motion for reconsideration was made, but lost.

On motion of J. W. Morgan, the following resolution was passed.

Be it, therefore, Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Fox, of N. C., be requested to preach a Funeral Sermon in Cedar Grove church, on Sunday, the 14th inst., as an act of gratitude from the congregation, who mourn the irreparable loss of their faithful pastor—Rev. A. EFIRD. Let his short-comings be written in sand—his virtues upon the tablets of our hearts;—and let us, as Synodical brethren, cherish his memory.

The committee on the state of the Church now reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

As the surviving member of the Committee on the State of the Church, I would submit the following:

My opportunity for obtaining information concerning this interesting subject, has been less favorable than I desired; I have learned, however, much to encourage us. Our congregations, under the supervision and regular services of Pastors, are steadily increasing in numbers and piety. Even with

those destitute of regular preaching, there still are found encouraging evidences of true Church-life, manifesting themselves. The zeal for maintaining and perpetuating the true doctrines of the Church, instead of abating, is rather increasing. True Church love, your Committee is happy to be able to say, is growing more intense. Liberal enterprises are being still further prosecuted and, according to present appearances, they will be, in a few years more, as generally promoted, by our people, as they are in other Southern Lutheran Synods.

But, on the other hand, there are aspects which render our prospect somewhat discouraging. Some of the most faithful and useful members of our congregations are, from time to time, called off to their reward in the future world. Young men, and families in the Church, are removing to sections beyond the territorial limits of our Synod, and thus, our ranks, in some places, are thinned. Within the last few years, several of our most useful Ministers have removed from amongst us, to other portions of the Church; and are successfully laboring in the bounds of other Synods. Within the last two years, six of our brethren in the Ministry, have been removed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant. Some of them, it is true, were old and infirm, but, others were in the prime of life and usefulness. These things have so much increased the labor of our Ministers as to render it impossible for them to supply all the points, as they should be; and, from the want of a sufficient number of Ministers, some are left destitute.

These things, and others unnecessary to mention in this report, render this side of the picture rather disparaging. But, there seems to be a brighter day coming; the interest of our people is being awakened on the subject of Beneficiary Education. A suitable plan, for operations, is being inaugurated and, I have no doubt, will be perfected at this meeting of our Synod, which, if faithfully carried out, can not fail to bring many talented, pious, and faithful young men into our clerical ranks; who, we trust will, in a few years more, not only enable us to supply, all our vacant congregations, with the regular administration of the means of grace, but, enable us, to diminish the extent of our pastorates so much, as to furnish our people with more frequent and regular Sunday-service, to the better instruction of our young people;—and, in short, to enable our pastors to more fully discharge the several duties of their sacred office.

Other matters of interest might be included in this Report, but, as it is already of sufficient length, we shall, for the present, defer them.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.

The report was read, received, and adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet again after preaching, Rev. T. Miller leading in prayer.

On motion, Carroll Bookman, having asked leave of absence, it was granted.

On motion, D. W. Price having asked leave of absence, it was granted.

The committee on Treasurer's Report now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

1869. Oct. 19.—To am't rec'd from last year's Treas'r,	$40,65	By paid printing,	$58,00
Contributions,	39,70	" " postage,	5,82
		" am't to balance,	16,53
Total receipts,	$80,35	Total credits,	$80,35
To am't on hand, balance,	$16,53		

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK, *Treasurer.*

We, the Committee on the Treasurer's Report, have examined the report, and find it correct. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
A. COSTNER,
U. B. WHITES.

It was received and adopted.

The committee on examination now reported.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

Your committee, on examination, having examined the manuscript sermon, prepared by Licentiate Rev. M. L. Fox, take pleasure in saying, that we find it judicious in design and arrangement, clear in the exposition of its matter and parts, and forcible and respectable as to its style. In view of indications so favorable, we earnestly recommend a renewal of his License.

S. HENKEL,
J. R. PETERSON,
T. MOSER.

It was received and adopted.

On motion, the following Resolution was passed:

Be it, Resolved, That we advise our people to buy our present Hymn Book, as it is not probable, that any change will be made, at an early period.

Revs. J. R. Peterson, T. Moser, and A. Costner, Esq., asked leave of absence; their request was not granted.

On motion, the subject in regard to the time and place for the next meeting of Synod was taken up, and resulted in favor of Philadelphia church, Gaston Co. N. C., Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge, as the place, and Saturday before the third Sunday of October 1871, as the time.

On motion, excused absentees were marked on the roll by a *, absent and unexcused, by a †.

On motion, the following persons were appointed as Delegates to Sister Synods:—

Rev. A. J. Fox, to the North Carolina Synod, Rev. T. Moser, alternate; Rev. J. R. Peterson, to the Holston Synod, and Rev. D. Efird, his alternate; Rev. S. Henkel, to Pennsylvania Synod, and Rev. T. Miller, his alternate.

On motion, the following Resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Minutes of Synod be printed, as usual; and, that three copies be sent to each of the Ministers of this Synod, and one copy to each Lutheran Synod in the South.

A call was now made to receive young men under the care of Synod, and the following persons applied, through Rev. S. Henkel, and were received under the care of Synod, with a view to qualifying themselves for the Ministry:—Junius S. Koiner, Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.; J. Paul Stirewalt, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.; and William H. Smith, Hamburg, Shenandoah Co., Va.;—and the following, through Rev. J. M. Smith;—Adolphus Yount, Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.; and Wilburn T. Miller, Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.

On motion, the President was invested with all the power the Synod has, with regard to Beneficiary Education; and, that he exercise this power, until Synod meet again, in regard to applications for aid, by beneficiaries, and grant such aid as he may think right in each case.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the Minutes were adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet in Philadelphia church, Gaston Co., N. C., on Saturday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1871.

Synod was closed with prayer.

SOCRATES HENKEL, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.*

MINISTERS.	Entered the Ministry,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Baptisms Adults,	Baptisms Infants,	Confirmations,	Funerals,	Number of Sunday Schools,	Contributions for Minutes,
1 Rev. A. J. FOX,	1838	7	1050	4	93	44	33	5	
2 " J. KILLIAN,	0000	1	72	8	12	16	22	1	
3 " H. GOODMAN,	0000	3	197	0	38	36	3	0	
4 " J. R. PETERSON,	1843	4	350	0	46	10	11	1	$8 00
5 " T. MOSER,	1844	5	200	2	10	8	8	0	2 50
6 " T. CROUSE,	1846	8	509	3	30	28	6	1	6 45
7 " S. HENKEL,	1850	6	550	5	29	55	22	3	3 00
8 " J. M. SMITH,	1856	8	1500	2	110	89	36	4	
9 " J. S. BENNICK,	1866	6	550	5	49	40	12	0	5 00
TOTALS, ...		48	4978	29	417	326	153	15	$24 95

* *This whole Report is very incomplete—some of the Ministers having failed to hand in their Reports.*

OFFICERS:

Rev. A. J. FOX, - - -	President.
Rev. S. HENKEL, - - - -	Rec. Sec.
Rev. J. R. PETERSON, - - -	Cor. Sec.
Rev. T. MILLER, - - - -	Treasurer.

Time and Place for the Next Meeting of Synod:

SATURDAY BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY OF OCT. 1871.

Philadelphia Church, Gaston, N. C.

(Rev. J. R. Peterson's Charge.)

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-First Annual Meeting

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod

HELD IN

Philadelphia Church, Gaston County, N. C.

October 14--19, 1871.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, October 14, 1871.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened in Philadelphia Church, Gaston county, North Carolina.

A large congregation, in connection with the members of Synod, having assembled, the President, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, after the usual introductory exercises, preached a sermon on Heb. x, 23; in which he was happy in his remarks and illustrations in regard to the faith and its confessions.

A short intermission having been given, the members of Synod, and others, having assembled again, the President, Rev. A. J. Fox, opened the Synod with appropriate exercises.

The house then came to order, the Clerical Roll was called, the absentees noted, and the Lay delegates presented their certificates of election.

CLERICAL ROLL.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.
1. Rev. H. Goodman, ...	Statesville, Iredell Co., N. C.
2. " A. J. Fox, ...	Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C.
3. " H. Wetzel,*	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va.
4. " G Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Pendleton Co., W. Va.
5. " J. R. Moser,†	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
6. " P. C. Henkel†	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
7. " J. R. Peterson, ...	Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C.
8. " T. Moser, ...	Coburn's Store, Union Co., N. C.
9. " T. Crouse, ...	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.
10. " S. Henkel, ...	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
11. " D. Efird, ...	Pine Ridge, Lexington Co., S. C.
12. " C. Moretz,†	Boone, Watauga Co., N. C.
13. " J. E. Seucker,*	Waynesboro', Augusta Co., Va.
14. " J. M. Smith, ...	Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
15. " I. Conder, ...	McGaheysville, Rockingham Co., Va.
16. " T. Miller, ...	Saumsville, Shenandoah Co., Va.
17. " J. S. Bennick, ...	Forestville, Shenandoah Co., Va.
18. " J. N. Stirewalt, ...	Stony Man, Page Co., Va.
19. " M. L. Fox,‡	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.
20. " A. L. Crouse,‡	Lexington, Lexington Co., S. C.
21. " L. A. Fox,§	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.

LAY DELEGATES.

S. P. Pasour, ...	Philadelphia Church, N. C.
Jacob Helderman, ...	St. Luke, N. C.
Jonathan Rhyne, ...	Lutheran Chapel, N. C.
J. B. Smith, ...	Christ Church, N. C.
F. M. Gouger, ...	Mt. Moriah, N. C.
Ambrose Costner, ...	Salem Church, Lincoln Co., N. C.

E. Aderholt, ...	St. Mark Church, N. C.
D. M. Wyont, ...	Trinity Church, N. C.
A. S. Probst, ...	Sardis Church, N. C.
Cephas Quickle, ...	Daniel, N. C.
P. W. Carpenter, ...	Bethpage, N. C.
Able I. Ekard, ...	St. Stephens, N. C.
A. L. Yount, ...	St. John, N. C.
Q. M. Smith, ...	St. Peter, N. C.
Samuel Jarrett, ...	St. Paul, N. C.
Henry G. Seitz, ...	Zion, N. C.
Wm. J. Lippard, ...	Friendship, N. C.
Tyrell Barnes, ...	Salem, Alexander Co., N. C.
M. J. Harkey, ...	Morning Star, N. C.
A. H. Boyte, ...	Emanuel, Union Co., N. C.
Jno. Heedick, ...	St. Martin, Cabarrus Co., N. C.
M. M. Efird, ...	St. Martin, Stanly Co., N. C.
Alex. Conrad, ...	Pilgrim and Emanuel, N. C.
Peter Coble, ...	Coble, N. C.
A. L. Crouse, ...	Melanchton, N. C.
Rufus C. Bowman, ...	Emanuel, Kipps' School-house, and Solomon's Churches, Va.
Michael Bowman, ...	Pine Church and Zion, Va.
D. I. Hendrix, ...	Zion, St. Peter, St. Paul, Cedar Grove, and Emanuel, S. C.
Col. G. H. Chapman, ...	St. John, St. Peter, St. Jacob, and Bethlehem, S. C.
G. M. Yoder, ...	Grace, N. C.

‡ Ordained this session. § Received this session,
† Absent, excused. * Dismissed this session.

The President now presented his Report, which was received, but the reading deferred until Monday.

PRSIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Reverend and very dear Brethren:—

Another eventful ecclesiastical year, with all its pleasures and pains, joys and sorrows, prosperities and adversities, has gone by, and, in the love and mercy of the Great God, our kind, Heavenly Father, as a band of brothers, we are once more permitted to meet in Synodical Convention; to deliberate upon the best interests, and make efforts to adopt the most suitable measures, for the promotion of prosperity in the Redeemer's kingdom upon earth. During the past year we have, as usual, had many difficulties to encounter and overcome, and a few adversities have also befallen us. Notwithstanding these things, we have had many things to encourage us in our numerous arduous duties. We must not, therefore, overlook the many renewed obligations we are under, as individuals, and members and ministers of the Church, to make suitable returns of gratitude to our Heavenly Benefactor, for his continued blessings and mercies; and, in the work of this meeting, most earnestly labor to discharge our whole duty, in the accomplishment of the greatest good for time and eternity. To effect these great things, let us most earnestly entreat the Great Head of the Church, to enable us to be harmonious in sentiment, and uniform in action, in all the transactions of this meeting; that every one may be conscious of the truth of the declaration of the Wise Man.—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." As your Presiding Officer, within the past Synodical year, I have received some information relating to the interests of the Church, and have also been called upon to perform some important official acts. It is, therefore, my duty, in this Report, to render an account of my stewardship to you; to which I may add a few suggestions and recommendations.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Much of the important intelligence with which I have been favored, and the principal portion of my Official acts, have been in regard to the subject of *Beneficiary Aid*, furnished young men, preparing for the GOSPEL MINISTRY. By an action of the Convention of this Synod, last year, as its President, I was charged with the management of this matter, and I have done the best I could under the circumstances. This enterprise is still in its infancy, in our Synod, and, of course, comparatively little has been done—yet a fair beginning has been made. A small amount of money has been collected, and paid into the treasury; several applications have been made; one has been accepted, and the young man is now at school, has recelved a small amount of funds, and will shortly need an additional sum. I trust that at the present Convention of this Synod, such measures, in regard to this very necessary means, for increasing our clergical strength, will be adopted, as will enable us, in a few years, not only to supply all our vacant congregations with well educated and efficient ministers; but also enable us, to so much diminish the number of congregations, in our larger pastorates, that the largest prosperity may be secured for the whole church, within our bounds. To accomplish this, let us, by the help of God, make a united effort. Sometime, early in the year, I received a letter from applicant M. A. Aderholt, that he was then receiving instruction at Washington College, Lexington, Va. And inquired whether any pecuniary assistance could be afforded him from our Beneficiary funds. But, inasmuch as the treasury was then still entirely empty, and on some other accounts, I was compelled to decline acting in the matter.

Early last Spring, Mr. Robert A. Yoder,—a young man, of about 18 years of age, from my own pastoral charge, whom I have known personally from his early childhood—made application for beneficiary aid from us, in prosecuting a course of studies, preparatory to entering the Christian Ministry. This young man expressed a willingness to submit to all the requirements of our regulations in regard to beneficiaries. He has a good, strong constitution; and is of a very healthy family. His moral character is most excellent; as a devoted member of our congregation at Daniels, his piety is commendable. He has a great aptness to learn, and has superior talents for public speaking. His pecuniary means are very limited. In view of all these things, I regarded this a favorable opportunity to commence the work; and, accordingly, with my advice, he entered the Classical School of Proffs. Geo. A. Hahn and M. L. Lttle, at Hickory Tavern, Catawba Co., N. C., on the first Monday in last July. His teachers are both members of our church, and have a good School. He will appear before this meeting of the Synod; and I have no doubt will be able to furnish full satisfaction in regard to his purposes, proficiency, and promise to do good service for the Church. By my official order, he has, as you will learn from the report of our Beneficiary Treasurer, received Twelve Dollars, ($12) of our funds. At the close of the present session of the School which he is attending, he will require an additional sum—amounting in all to about Fifty Dollars, ($50).

Some time last Summer, I received a letter from Mr. Andrew L. Crouse, stating that he had fully determined, by the help of God, to devote himself to the work of the Christian Ministry. He stated, however, that he desired to complete his literary course of studies, and, in that event, he desired some beneficiary aid from us. A few weeks after this, I met him; and, in view of the very urgent demand for an additional number of Ministers among us, to supply our vacant congregations, I examined him, and finding him a fair classical scholar, and possessing more than an ordinary knowledge, for a young man, of the theology of our Church, I advised him to relinquish, at least for the present, his literary studies, and at once commence a special preparation for the work of the Ministry. After some reflection, he gave his consent, and has for some time been vigorously prosecuting his studies, under my care, and has made a few successful efforts at preaching. He will appear before this Synod, at the present Convention, a candidate for licensure.

About the 20th of last September, I received a letter from Mr. Junius S. Coiner, of Waynesboro, Va., who is one of the young men who were received under the care of this Synod, last year, as applicants for the office of the Ministry. He states, that his circumstances compel him, though reluctantly, to ask for beneficiary aid from this Synod, to enable him to complete his preparatory studies in due time. He also states, that Rev. S. Henkel will make a full statement of his case to Synod. I herewith submit his letter, and respectfully commend him to the favorable notice of this Synod.

I am credibly informed, that Mr. Adolphus Yount, an applicant to this Synod for the Ministry, is very successfully prosecuting his studies at his own expense, at Hickory Tavern.

I have learned that applicant William T. Miller has departed this life.

Concerning applicants Paul J. Stirewalt, and William H. Smith, I have received no information.

I am informed that applicant John N. Stirewalt, of New Market, Va., has been ordained by the Virginia Special Conference, as ordered by our last Synod. If my information is correct, his name should be enrolled upon our catalogue of Pastors.

CALL ACCEPTED, AND LETTER OF HONORABLE DISMISSION.

Quite recently, I received a communication from Rev. Luther A. Fox, of Stroudsburg, Pa., informing me that he has received and accepted a call from Bethlehem Congregation, Augusta Co., Va., lately rendered vacant by the death of our much lamented brother in Christ, Rev. Jacob Killian,—and that he expects to enter upon the discharge of his Pastoral duties, in that congregation, about the first of January, next. He also forwarded a letter from Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., President of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, granting him an honorable dismission from that Synod, to this Synod. This letter, of honorable dismission is, herewith, submitted.

CONDITION OF THE CHURCH.

This most interesting and important subject, I have no doubt, will be properly presented to your notice by the Committee upon it. Notwithstanding, I deem it my duty, most respectfully, to call your attention to the scarcity of ministers among us, and the very inadequate support they generally receive, and recommend that suitable measures be adopted, to remedy these evils. To meet the first of these wants, I would recommend the appointment of a committee to prepare for publication, in connection with the Minutes of the present Convention of Synod, an earnest appeal to churches, upon this subject, and that it be made the duty of every Pastor to publicly read this address, at least once annually, in each of his congregations, and demand from his people such salary as they are able to pay.

To accomplish the second, I recommend, that a resolution be adopted at this meeting of Synod, making it the duty of every Minister in our connection, who has the charge of congregations, to bring the subject of Beneficiary Education before each one of the congregations in his Pastorate, and raise collections for that purpose, at least once in every Synodical year.

UNION WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

A few weeks ago, I received a letter from Rev. N. Aldrich, Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Synod, officially informing me that his Synod has unanimously adopted the Basis of Union agreed upon by the Joint Committee; and that they stand ready to take further action, whenever they shall be officially informed that said Basis of Union has been adopted by this Synod. This letter is herewith submitted to Synod.

This truly important question merits your most serious, careful, and most prayerful attention; and I trust that such action will be taken, by this Synod, in reference to it, as you, in your judgment, may think best calculated to consummate this most desirable end, at as early a time as practicable. I believe that such Union will greatly promote the cause of true, Symbolic Lutheranism, in these Southern States. The whole matter will be presented to you, by the Committee appointed by this Synod, last year, to meet and confer with a similar Committee appointed by the North Carolina Synod, upon this subject; and also by your Delegate, appointed to the last Convention of that Synod. I trust the Basis of Union unanimously agreed upon by the Joint Committee, and also unanimously adopted by the North Carolina Synod, will also be adopted by this Synod, with equal unanimity.

UNION WITH THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

It seems to me, that this question has not yet been fully disposed of. The action upon it, by the Holston Synod, was only suspended on account of the Delegate from our Synod failing to meet that Synod, in her Convention, at the proper time—and, it seems to me, that it devolves upon us to make further overtures. Its importance demands a renewal of the matter, as it has for its object a Union of all the elements of true Lutheranism in the South. I would, therefore, most respectfully, recommend that a Committee be appointed at this meeting, whose duty it shall be to make an effort to renew correspondence with that Synod, upon this subject.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

The late Pastoral Charge of our much lamented brother, Adam Efird, still remains without the regular services of a Pastor. During a portion of the past year, it has been supplied by Rev. T. Miller, and has also had some services from Rev. Daniel Efird. I would most respectfully recommend, that such steps be taken, at this meeting of Synod, as will, at an early day, furnish them with the regular administration of the means of grace. This is an important part of our Synod; one we cannot well afford to lose, and it should not, therefore, be neglected by us.

Our two congregations in Rowan Co., N. C., have been supplied: one by Pastor Peterson, of this Synod, and the other by Pastor Cone, of the North Carolina Synod. Some arrangements should be made to furnish them with stated Pastoral services; and if this can not be done, they should, at least, both be supplied by a Minister of our Synod.

HYMN BOOK AND LITURGY.

Our Hymn Book and Liturgy are nearly out of print; and, in the present state of affairs, it is not likely that the demand for them will justify another edition of them. Our Synodical relations may, in a short time, be so changed, as to require the use of other Books of this kind; and it is conceded on all hands, that these Books are exceedingly defective. I, therefore, recommend, that a committee, of two Ministers and one intelligent Lay-man, be appointed to investigate this subject; examine and compare the several Hymn Books, and Liturgies, now in use by the English-speaking portion of the Lutheran church in this country; report the result of their inquiries and researches, and, if possible, recommend suitable Books, of this sort, to the next annual convention of this Synod.

CONCORDIA SYNOD.

Three of our Ministers, and a few of our congregations in Virginia, for reasons not necessary to mention in this Report, as you are aware, have, for some time, neglected to attend the Annual Conventions of this Synod, and in a very obstinate and irregular manner insist upon being recognized as a separate Synod, and annually assemble and transact business. I regard this matter as one claiming an action of this Synod, and therefore recommend that a committee be appointed, consisting of three Ministers and two Lay-men, to consider this *vexed affair*,—and report to this convention of Synod, for adoption, some suitable resolutions, in reference to it.

CHURCH PAPER.

For some time we have had no suitable Church Journal, for circulation among our people. But, inasmuch as the *Evangelical Lutheran* has been revived, under new auspices, and promises to be all we wish, I would recommend it to your most favorable notice: and that such action be taken as will secure for it an extensive circulation among our people.

STAUNTON FEMALE SEMINARY.

An intelligent member of Bethlehem church, Augusta county, Va., respectfully asks, that I present to your notice, this most excellent *Institution of Learning*; and that it be recommended, by an action of Synod, to our people in Virginia. I recommend, that this most reasonable request be granted.

DEATH OF MINISTER.

In view of the painful intelligence of the death of our Reverend and dear brother in Christ, Rev. Jacob Killian, whom the Lord, in his inscrutable providence, has been pleased to remove, from his labors and troubles in this world of sin and sorrow, to his reward in Heaven, I recommend that Synod make provision, for giving suitable testimonials of our high appreciation of his moral *Worth* and usefulness, as a Minister of the Gospel, whilst among us; and our deep sorrow, and sense of loss, at his removal into another, though a better World.

In conclusion of this lengthy Report, permit me, dear brethren, to tender you my most sincere thanks, for the confidence you have reposed in me, by so kindly investing me with the position you did, at our last Annual Convention, as well as the kind indulgence you have shown me in my feeble and imperfect efforts to serve you in this capacity. And I now return to you the Presidential Chair, trusting that he, whom you may now select, may fill it more perfectly than I have been able to do. And, may the blessing of an indulgent Heavenly Father ever attend you, and enable you, in all your transactions, to honor his name, and effect the salvation of very many souls. A. J. FOX.

An election was now held for Synodical officers, which resulted as follows:

REV. S. HENKEL,	PRESIDENT,
" I. CONDER,	RECORDING SECRETARY,
" J. M. SMITH,	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
" A. J. FOX,	TREASURER.

The President announced the following committees:

On Petitions.—Revds. J. R. Peterson, T. Crouse, Mr. A. Costner.
On Letters and Papers.—Revds. T. Moser, H. Goodman, and Mr. G. M. Yoder.
President's Report.—Revds. J. R. Peterson, D. Efird, and J. B. Smith.

On Unfinished Business.—Revds. J. M. Smith, M. L. Fox, and Mr. Samuel Jarrett.

The Letters, Petitions, and Papers, designed for Synod were now called for and assigned to the proper committees.

A. Costner, Esq., was now elected a Receiving and Disbursing Agent, to discharge the office of Treasurer of Beneficiary Association.

Wm. J. Lippard and D. M. Wyont were appointed a committee to examine report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Association.

On motion, Synod now adjourned, to meet again on Monday, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SUNDAY, October 15, 10½ o'clock, A. M.

A large congregation having assembled, at the stand in the Grove, the exercises were opened by Prof. L. A. Bikle, of the North Carolina Synod, followed with a discourse by Rev. S. Henkel, on Acts XVIII, 21:—"I must by all means keep this feast."

Confession and Absolution were then held, by the *pastor loci*, according to the custom of the church.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a large number of communicants. A recess was then given, after which, Rev. J. M. Smith preached, from Isa. LI, 1. During all these exercises, a deep feeling of solemnity seemed to prevail.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, October 16, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod having assembled, devotional exercises were conducted by Father H. Goodman. The roll was called, and the minutes read and confirmed.

Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle, appointed a corresponding Delegate by the North Carolina Synod to this session of Synod, being present, now presented his credentials of election, and was invited to a seat amongst us.

In consequence of sickness, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was excused from attending the future sessions of this Synod. Mr. A. L. Crouse was appointed, by him, to read his annual report.

On motion, this report was read and returned to the committee.

The committee on *Unfinished Business* now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We the committee, on unfinished business, on examination of the Minutes of the last session of our Synod, find the following items, which we submit to Synod:

Item 1, Page 8, a committee of two was appointed, to investigate the difficulties existing between Rev. C. Moretz and the members of Mt. Pleasant Church. Did that committee discharge their duty?

Item 2, Pages 7 and 8, The Virginia Special Conference was authorized to examine John N. Stirewalt, and, if found qualified, ordain him to the Pastoral office. Was this duty performed?

Item 3, Page 10, a committee was appointed to meet a similar committee of N. C. Synod. Did that committee discharge their duty?

Item 4, Page 12; collections for beneficiary education were expected to be taken by every minister in connection with this Synod. Has this been done?

Item 5, Page 15, Rev. A. J. Fox was appointed a Delegate to North Carolina Synod. Rev. J. R. Peterson to the Holston Synod. Rev. S. Henkel to the Pennsylvania Synod. Did these Brethren or their Alternates discharge said duty? Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
M. L. FOX, SAM'L JARRETT.

The report was received and acted on Item by Item.

Item 1, of the report was taken up and deferred.

Item 2, the Virginia Special Conference discharged this duty.

On motion the name of Rev. John N. Stirewalt was inserted in our clerical catalogue.

Item 3, was complied with.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION WITH N. CAROLINA SYNOD.

The committee, appointed to meet and confer with the committee appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, upon the subject of the Union of the two Synods, would submit the following:

Some time, early last Spring, a correspondence was opened, between the chairman of this committee and Rev. L. C. Groseclose, the chairman of the other committee, in regard to the most suitable time and place for the meeting of these committees—and resulted in the selection of Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, N. C. And, accordingly, the committee of this Synod repaired to the place of meeting, previously agreed upon, on the 25th day of last April, and had the pleasure of a most cordial meeting of the members of the other committee—one of whom, however, owing to sickness in his family, could not be with us for the first two days of our convention. We were, also, most kindly received and entertained, by the citizens of that most pleasant and interesting little town.

At 1 o'clock, p. m., the two committees assembled in one of the halls of the North Carolina College,—which is located at this place. After effecting an organization, by electing Rev. A. J. Fox president and Rev. N. Aldrich secretary of the Joint Committee, and arranging some other preliminary matters, a motion, to adjourn until 9 o'clock the next day, prevailed—in order that the respective committees might have sufficient time to prepare suitable propositions, to be submitted for the consideration of the Conference.

At the hour appointed, the Conference met; the Theses of each committee were first read separately, as a whole; then read item by item, fully and freely discussed, and, with the exception of two propositions, were unanimously adopted. From these there was, finally, but one dissenting voice; and that was by a member of the North Carolina Synod's committee. A sub-committee was then appointed, consisting of the Officers of the Conference and one Lay-man from each of the committees, to consolidate the Theses, as agreed upon, to be submitted next morning, for adoption, as a whole.

The sub-committee having discharged its duty, the proposed Basis of Union was read, and a motion was made for its adoption. When the same objections were revived, which were urged on the previous day, a lengthy and animated debate was elicited—in which all the members of the Conference were engaged, more or less, and in which some of the spectators also took some part. After making a few very slight verbal alterations in the two propositions to which exception was taken, the entire paper was unanimously adopted. The Articles and Sections, agreed upon as a Basis of Union, were, by a unanimous vote, ordered to be printed in Circular form, for gratuitous distribution among the congregations of the two Synods—each one to receive 250 copies, and pay one-half of the expenses of publication and distribution. Conference then adjourned, subject to the call of the President, but has had no subsequent session.

The committee is truly happy to be able to inform the Synod, that there was not the slightest shade of difference in the views of its members. We are sorry, however, to have to say, that there was some considerable discord in the views of the members of the other committee. Our discussions indicated but too plainly, that its members are not entirely agreed upon every subject.

It may be of some interest to the members of this Synod, as well as all who may read the Minutes of this Convention, to learn that, animated as the discussions were, there was not the slightest feeling of asperity manifested, between the members of the two Synods. Our committee stood firmly upon the standards of our church; stated their position clearly, and are not conscious of having compromised any principle of our Synod. How far this is correct, the published Basis of Union will show. All who were present, Professors and students of College, Ministers, and Lay-men, took the deepest interest in our discussions; and all, with the exception of two of the Clerical members of the North Carolina Synod committee, deeply sympathized with us, and fully agreed with us, in the views expressed by us in our Theses. As there were two parties among them—one fully representing the views of our Synod, and the other the opposite views; our committee was greatly relieved in the discussions, having little more to do than to listen to their discussions.

We feel confident that very much was done, by the Conference, to harmonize feelings

and views which have, for so many years, divided the two Synods; and to prepare the way for their ultimate re-union.

The Basis of Union, as agreed upon by the Joint committee, has been published; 250 copies have been distributed among our people, and one copy is, herewith, submitted to the consideration of this Synod. It remains to be seen, whether it will be adopted or rejected. Whether the much to be desired Union, between brethren so long estranged from each other, can be effected, or not? Time, only, will reveal these things.

The expenses of publication and distribution of Circulars, as per order of Joint committee, was, on our part, five dollars and fifty cents, ($5 50), which has been paid, by the chairman of the committee, out of funds, in his hands, belonging to Synod. The traveling expenses of committee, in the aggregate, is ——— Dollars.

Respectfully submitted, by the COMMITTEE.

On motion, this report was adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod is authorized to pay for the publication of circulars, and the traveling expenses incurred by the meeting of the Joint committee, at Mt. Pleasant.

Item 4, was generally complied with.

Item 5, was performed, and the report is herewith submitted.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

On account of other pressing engagements, I, as your Delegate to the E. L. Synod of North Carolina, failed to reach the place of its last meeting, on the first day of the Convention. I, however, arrived on the morning of the second day, and am truly happy to inform you, that I was most cordially received, and had the pleasure of attending that Synod two days. The transactions of that truly energetic and most active Lutheran Synod, were chiefly of a local nature; yet, I am happy to be able to say, that much was done for the prosperity of true Lutheranism among its people. From all that I could learn, from private interviews, with various of its ministers, and from their public discussions, I am fully convinced that a majority of its members are decidedly Lutheran in theory and practice—and a few of them may be regarded somewhat ultra. A few, however, seem still to be anxious to retain some of the un-Lutheran customs, which unhappily found their way into the Synod, in days when she, like too many other Lutheran Synods in this country, was not as well informed and watchful in these things as she should have been. I am encouraged to believe, that, in no very great while, that Synod will have expurgated herself from every trace of un-Lutheranism in practice, as she has nobly done in theory.

On Friday evening the subject of Union with this Synod was taken into consideration; which elicited some animated discussion, in which, from the very nature of the things, and to answer several interrogatories, made it necessary for me to take some part. The Basis of Union, agreed upon by the Joint Committee, was at length unanimously adopted.—Several propositions were made, looking to future action, but failed to carry; at length, however, a resolution was passed making it the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of that Synod, to officially inform the President of this Synod, that the Basis of Union was unanimously adopted by that Synod; and that, as soon as she should be officially informed that said Basis of Union has been adopted by this Synod, she will stand ready to take further action in the matter. This notice has been received by the President, and has been submitted with his annual report.

It is to be hoped that said Basis of Union will also be unanimously adopted by this Synod; and that such other action will be taken as will hasten this truly desirable Union.

Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle was elected Delegate to this Synod, and Rev. N. Aldrich his alternate.

That Synod had been an integral part of the Southern General Synod, from its organization; but at its last meeting, with only one dissenting voice, resolved to sever its connection with that General Body, and thus has removed another obstacle to union with this Synod.

On account of other engagements, I was compelled to leave these brethren at the close of their session, on Friday evening. My attendance upon the Convention of that Synod afforded me pleasure, and profit; and I trust that, so long as we remain separate Synods, this correspondence by Delegates will be continued.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. J. FOX.

On motion, this report was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Peterson did not attend, as Corresponding Delegate, the meeting of the Holston Synod, he did, however, communicate by letter, his excuse for absence. Rev. S. Henkel did not, in consequence of pressing business, attend the convention of the Pennsylvania Synod.

On motion, Synod now took a recess; during which Rev. J. S. Bennick preached, from 1 John II, 1, 2.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 16, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod assembled, the roll was called.

On motion, Mr. J. B. Smith was excused from attendance on the session of Synod on Tuesday.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

We, the committee on letters and papers, submit the following:

No. 1, is a letter from C. Moretz, in which he states the reasons of his absence; asks to be excused for his non-attendance; and andmonishes the Synod to stand firm, on the eternal Word, and make no compromise with sect or error.

No. 2, is a letter from Rev. Thomas Miller, in which he gives the reason of his absence from the Synod, and asks to be excused for his non-attendance.

No. 3, is a letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, delegate from the Virginia to the Tennessee Synod, in which he states, that he deeply regrets that it is wholly out of his power to be present at this meeting of our Synod; he assures us that many of the Ministers of their body are unfeignedly desirous that the estranged relation existing between the two bodies, in the past, may speedily pass away; and he also desires that we appoint a delegate to their next meeting.

No. 4, is a letter from Rev. J. R. Moser, in which he expresses his desire to be in our midst; states the reasons that prevent him from being with us, and calls the attention of Synod to various matters of interest. Your committee recommend, that the letter be read in open Synod. We further recommend, that Revds. C. Moretz, T. Miller, and J. R. Moser, be excused. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER, H. GOODMAN, G. M. YODER.

On motion, this report was received by Items.

No. 1, On motion, Rev. C. Moretz was excused from attendance at this session of Synod.

No. 2, On motion, Rev. T. Miller was excused.

No. 3, *Resolved*, that we have learned with regret, by a communication from Rev. J. I. Miller, the Delegate appointed by the Virginia Synod to this session of Synod, that it was not in his power to attend; that his friendly greetings are reciprocated, and that this Synod appoint a Delegate to their next session of Synod. On motion, the letter of Rev. J. R. Moser, containing his excuse for absence, was read publicly in Synod. On motion, Revds. J. R. Moser, P. C. Henkel, and John N. Stirewalt were excused.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

We, the committee upon petitions, have examined the papers placed in our hands, and find the following:

No. 1, is a petition from Mt. Pleasant church, Alamance Co., N. C., praying for the examination of Licentiate L. M. Fox, as to his theological attainments; and, if found qualified, for his ordination to the office of Pastor. The petitioners also pray for his services.

No. 2, is a petition from Trinity church, Lincoln Co., N. C., recommending applicant A. L. Crouse to the favorable notice of Synod, and requesting his examination; and, if found qualified, praying Synod to grant him a license to perform all the functions of the Ministerial office. The petitioners also pray for his services.

No. 3, is a petition from St. Martin church, Iredell Co., N. C., praying for the ministerial services of Rev. T. Moser, or those of some other minister of this Synod.

Nos. 4, 5, and 6, are petitions from Emanuel church, New Market, Va., Rader's church, Rockingham Co., Va., and Bethlehem church, Augusta Co., Va., praying for the next convention of Synod.

We your committee recommend, that the above Petitions receive the proper attention of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON, THOS. CROUSE, A. COSTNER.

On motion, the report was received and acted upon, Item by Item. Item 1, the examination of M. L. Fox submitted. Item 2, the examination of A. L. Crouse also submitted. Item 3, on motion, Synod recommends St. Martin church to correspond with Rev. T. Moser, in regard to his locating in their midst. Items 4, 5, 6, deferred. On motion, Mr. E. M. Aderholt was excused from further attendance at this session of Synod. The attention of Synod was now called to the importance of making arrangements to look after the wandering sheep in the States of Mississippi, Arkansas, and other places.

Repeated calls for a number of years have been made to this body, to send them, if possible, spiritual comfort and a shepherd, who may lead them back unto the church of their first love; where they may worship God under their own vine and fig tree. Therefore, *Resolved*, that Rev. J. M. Smith, the corresponding Secretary be instructed to correspond with Rev. P. C. Henkel, of Missouri, who is authorized to make arrangements, with some member of the Missouri Synod, to supply those people with ministerial services.

The Committee on Treasurer's report now reported as follows:

THOMAS MILLER, Treasurer,

1870	In account with E. L. Tennessee Synod,		Dr.
Nov. 5.	Received of former Treasurer,		$16,53
Nov. 5.	Contributions at St. Peter Church, S. C.,		48,73
			$65,28
1871.	CR.		
Jan. 17.	Paid Henkel & Calvert, printing Minutes, postage. &c.,	$45,44	$45,44
	Balance due Synod,		$19,84

Respectfully submitted, by the Treasurer of E. L. Tennessee Synod.

THOMAS MILLER.

Your Committee, on the Treasurer's Report, have examined the same, and find it correct. We find, remaining in his hands, nineteen dollars and 84 cents, ($19 84.)

Respectfully submitted, T. CROUSE, J. BOWMAN, A. COSTNER.

It was received and adopted. On motion, Synod adjourned, until Tuesday morning. At 6½ o'clock preaching by Rev. I. Conder, from John XIV, 23, 27.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, October 17, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was called to order, Rev. T. Crouse leading in devotional exercises. The roll was called. The minutes read, received, amended, and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUNDS.

A. Costner, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

1871.	In account with E. L. Tennessee Synod,		Dr.
July 5th.	To Cash from Dr. A. J. Fox, Grace church,		$13.00
Oct. 16.	To Cash from D. M. Wyont, Trinity church,		7.60
			$20.60
1871.	CR.		
Aug. 19.	By Cash to R. A. Yoder,	$12.00	
Aug. 19.	By Cash Blank Book,	.25	$12.25
	Balance,		$8.35

You will see at once that our operations have been very meagre; but it is our beginning, without proper concert of action, as yet. I am informed, however, by Ministers and laymen, that an indefinite amount has been subscribed and collected in the various charges, amounting to several hundred dollars—which is subject to your direction.

Respectfully submitted, A. COSTNER.

We, your committee, appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund of the E. L. Tennessee Synod, have done so and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. LIPPARD, D. M. WYONT.

On motion, they were received. On motion, the deferred items of Unfinished Business, on yesterday, were now taken up.

We, a committee to investigate difficulties between Rev. C Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation, have partially discharged the duty imposed upon us, by means of correspondence and verbal inquiry; but are sorry to say that our efforts, so far, are without success. We would, however, recommend, that Synod appoint a committee to visit them, and aid them by advice and counsel, to adjust their difficulties, at as early period as practicable.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PETERSON, J. M. SMITH.

The Report was, on motion, adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The committee upon President's Report have examined that document, and beg leave to report the following:

The items, requiring the attention of Synod, are the following:

1, The conduct of that officer, in the management of the work of beneficiary education with which he was entrusted by last Synod, to us appears judicious, and should receive the approval of this convention.

2, The President informs Synod, that the Rev. L. A. Fox has received and accepted a call to Bethlehem church, Augusta Co., Va., and has laid before Synod a letter of honorable dismission granted brother Fox by the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, to connect himself with this body. We recommend that the letter be read, and that brother Fox be received as a member of this Synod.

3. In regard to union with the North Carolina Synod, your committee recommend that the Basis of Union, agreed upon by the joint committee of the two Synods, be considered, and such other action had as may be deemed best.

4. Your committee recommend, that the committee proposed by the President, to make an effort to re-open correspondence with the Holston Synod, with a view to effect a closer union between the bodies, be appointed.

5. Your committee know no means by which our vacant congregations can, at present, be better supplied with the means of grace, and have no recommendation to make.

6. The President recommends, that a committee be appointed, to report to the next convention of this Synod, upon the subject of Hymn Book and Liturgy. We recommend the appointment of said committee.

7. In regard to the Concordia Synod, we recommend that the committee proposed by the President be appointed.

8. Your committee concur in the recommendation of the *Evangelical Lutheran*, by the President; and urge it upon every minister of this Synod to make suitable efforts to introduce it into every family, under his care.

9. Your committee recommend, that a committee be appointed, to prepare resolutions expressive of the high appreciation of our beloved brother, Rev. J. Killian, and of the loss our Synod and church have sustained by his death.

Respectfully submitted. J. R. PETERSON, D. EFIRD, J. B. SMITH.

On motion, it was received and considered, item by item: Item 1, adopted. Item 2, the recommendation of the committee complied with. On motion, Rev. L. A. Fox, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, was unanimously received as a member of this Synod. Messrs. A. H. Boyte, F. M. Gouger, and Cephas Quickle, desiring leave of absence, it was granted. On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet again after preaching.

During recess, an infant was dedicated to God, in the solemn Sacrament of Bapti m, by the *pastor loci*. Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle preached a discourse,

from Eph. II, 20:—"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-*stone*."

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called. On motion, the committee to investigate difficulties between Rev. C. Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation were continued. Revds. T. Moser, T. Crouse, and Samuel Jarrett, were added to this committee.

Item 3, In the report of committee on President's Report, was now considered. On motion, the First Article of the Basis of Union was taken up, and the remaining ones by sections and items. Items 1, 2. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, were adopted.

SECTION 2.—*Special.*—On motion, item 1, adopted. On motion, item 2, adopted, with a foot-note, (a dagger and asterisk,) to mark the words changed in the Basis of Union. On motion, the 4th item adopted, with amendment:

I move, that it be the sentiment of Synod, on the adoption of the Article on Regeneration in the Basis of Union, That the Article might be more clearly expressed in the following language: Regeneration is a work of grace wrought in man, by the Holy Spirit, through the means.

On motion, the article on Baptism, adopted.

I move, that in the adoption of the article on Baptism, contained in the Basis, That it be the opinion of Synod, that the article would be better expressed if the words, "in the case of children," and the words, "even where Gospel facilities prevail," were erased.

On motion, the Article on the Lord's Supper, The witness of the Spirit, Of the Decrees of God, Christ's Descent into Hell, On mode of worship, adopted. On motion, the Article on Confession and Absolution, adopted with foot-note, "*must*," corresponding with "*should*," in the Basis. A vote was then taken upon the whole, and was unanimously adopted. On motion, Synod now adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at the appointed hour. Closed by Benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, A. M.

In the absence of the President, Rev. T. Moser was called to the chair, and Rev. L. M. Fox opened the meeting with appropriate exercises. The roll was called and the minutes read and confirmed. Synod now resumed the subject of Basis of Union.

Resolved. That as we have endorsed and adopted, with some explanations, the Basis of Union agreed upon by the Joint-committee of the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods, that it be inserted in the Minutes.

Resolved. That the Corresponding Secretary of this Synod be instructed, to inform the President of the North Carolina Synod, of the action of this Synod; and, also, that we stand prepared to consider further steps towards the consummation of a Union between the two Synods.

Resolved. That it is the sense of this Synod, that, at the present time, Union, in the form of a Joint Synod, or Branch Synods, is preferred to that of one by consolidation.

Messrs. Carpenter, Lippard, Q. M. Smith, and Barnes, now obtained leave of absence. Item 4, On motion, Dr. A. J. Fox and J. R. Peterson were appointed a committee, to correspond with the Holston Synod, in regard to effecting a closer union with that body. Item 6, *Whereas*, the present edition of our Hymn-book is about exhausted, and as it is not thought advisable to publish a new edition at this time, therefore, *Resolved*, That Rev. S. Hen-

kel, Dr. A. J. Fox, and Mr. A. Costner, be appointed a committee, to examine various Hymn-books and Liturgies, and report at next meeting of synod.

Item 7, complied with. On motion, Revds. J. M. Smith and J. R. Peterson, and A. Costner, were appointed the Committee, having reference to Concordia synod. On motion, the Report of Committee on President's Report was suspended, and the Ordinations of M. L. Fox, and A. L. Crouse considered.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATIONS.

We, your committee, having examined Revds. M. L. Fox and A. L. Crouse, as to their Theological attainments, find that they are well qualified to bear the office of the Gospel Ministry. We, therefore, recommend, that M. L. Fox and A. L. Crouse be ordained to the office of Pastor. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER, J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, it was adopted. On motion, Mr. M. L. Fox, and A. L. Crouse be ordained to the office of Pastor at the close of the Ordination sermon. On motion, synod now adjourned, until after recess.

During recess, Rev. T. Moser preached the Ordination sermon, from Acts XX, 28; after which they were inducted into the Ministerial office, by the "imposition of hands and prayer."

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod convened, the roll was called. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this synod are due, and are hereby tendered, to the members and friends of Philadelphia church, for the kindness and hospitality with which they have received and entertained us, during our stay among them; and that this resolution be read to the congregation, by the President, immediately before the final adjournment.

Item 8, On motion, synod recommends the *Evangelical Lutheran*, published by Rev. N. Aldrich, of Charlotte, N. C., to the favorable notice of our people, and wishes to see it widely circulated. Item 9, the recommendation of the committee complied with. On motion, the following resolution was passed: *Resolved*, That Revds. J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith be appointed, a committee to draw up resolutions expressive of the loss sustained by synod, in the death of Rev. J. Killian.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

As corresponding secretary, I beg leave to report that I have not found it necessary to perform any official acts during the past synodical year. The documents which came into my hands are the following: 1st, The Minutes of the 68th session of the E. L. Synod of North Carolina. In these Minutes, I find nothing requiring attention, from our body, besides that which has already received attention. Rev. N. Aldrich, Charlotte, N. C., was elected corresponding secretary. The next session of this synod will be held in Organ church, Rowan Co., N. C., commencing on Wednesday, before the Fourth Sunday of August, 1872. 2d, The Minutes of the 11th session of the E. L. Synod and Ministerium of Georgia. This synod numbers six Ministers, and was to meet in convention, in Luther Chapel, Campbell County, Georgia, on Thursday before the First Sunday instant. 3, Minutes of the 9th annual session of the E. L. Holston Synod, held in Sinking Spring church, Green Co., Tennessee, Aug. 27-30. They elected Rev. Prof. J. M. Wagner, President, and Rev. Prof. Turner, secretary. I find nothing requiring your attention. 4, Minutes of the 6th convention of the E. L. General Synod of North America, convened in Winchester, Va., Thursday, June 9, 1870. Its Officers chosen, are, Rev. Prof. A. J. Brown, President, and Rev. J. C. Repass, secretary. This synod adjourned, to meet again in Charleston, S. C., on Thursday, before the second Sunday, in May, 1872.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, it was received and adopted. On motion, the following persons were appointed as Delegates to sister synods: Rev. T. Moser to North Carolina synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson, alternate. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, to Hol-

ston synod; Rev. J. M. Smith, alternate. Rev. S. Henkel, to Virginia synod, Rev. I. Conder, alternate.

We, the committee appointed to report upon that item in the President's report having reference to the Concordia synod, submit the following: While we still regard the action of our misguided brethren, Revds. Wetzel, Seneker, and Schmucker, as irregular, and schismatic, yet, as we can see no advantages that can accrue to our synod by the retention of their names in our clerical roll, we recommend, that their names be stricken from our list of Pastors. J. M. SMITH, J. R. PETERSON, A. COSTNER.

On motion, the next convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee synod will meet, (D. V.) in Rader church, Rockingham Co., Va., on Saturday before the 1st Sunday of September, 1872, 10 o'clock, A. M. Mr. Samuel Jarrett now obtained leave of absence. On motion, synod now adjourned, until to-morrow morning. At 7 o'clock, Rev. D. Efird preached a sermon, from John XIV, 6.

EIGHTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 19, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened by suitable religious exercises, by Rev. J. M. Smith. The roll was called.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF REV. JACOB KILLIAN.

Whereas, it hath pleased the Almighty Disposer of all events, in the righteous dispensation of an allwise providence, to call the Rev. Jacob Killian, a member of this Synod, from his labors on earth, to his reward in heaven; be it, therefore, *Resolved*, 1 That, in this painful dispensation, we recognize the hand of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well; and bow with filial resignation to his chastening hand. 2 That we deeply lament the loss of a devoted friend; an earnest and efficient laborer in the work of the ministry; and of one manifesting the liveliest interest in the prosperity of our beloved Zion. 3, That we will ever cherish his memory, endeavor to imitate his many virtues, and emulate his bright examples, in an untiring devotion to the welfare and prosperity of the church, which he so much loved. 4, That we sincerely condole with the family of our deceased brother, in their sad bereavement, and deep affliction. 5, That the Secretary of synod forward a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted. J. R. PETERSON, J. M. SMITH.

On motion, the Resolutions were adopted with a rising vote.

1, *Be it Resolved*, That the Ministers report the available amounts of contributions for Beneficiary purposes, secured in their respective charges, and that the amounts be inserted in our Minutes. 2, *Be it Resolved*, That an appropriation of $75 be made for the benefit of Junius Koiner, as a Beneficiary; and that the President is, hereby, instructed to issue an order on the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund, to that effect—and that he continue his studies, this year, at the University of Va. 3. *Be it Resolved*, That an appropriation of $75 be made for the benefit of R. A. Yoder, as a beneficiary; and that the President issue an order on the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, to that effect: and that he continue to prosecute his studies at Hickory Tavern, N. C., during this year. 4, *Be it Resolved*, That the Ministers collect, from their Congregational Treasurers, the amounts in the hands of the said Treasurers, and pay them over to the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, or hold them subject to his order. 5, *Be it Resolved*, That an appropriation of $50 be made for the benefit of J. C. Moser, and an appropriation, of $20, for the benefit of J. Q. Deal,—as Beneficiaries,—and that the President issue orders on the Treasurer to that effect; that the former continue his studies at N. C. College, and the latter at Hickory Tavern, N. C.

The above Resolutions, were adopted. On motion, the following resolution was adopted.

Be it resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to revise the Constitution of our Beneficiary Association, and arrange it so as to give the conferences in each state, or the ministers and congregations in each state, authority to carry on the work within themselves, and report their efforts annually to synod, which report may be placed on the face of the minutes of synod; and that the committee report their plan or revision to *next Synod*, for its action. Revds. J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the secretary of synod have the minutes printed, as usual, and that he send five copies to each minister of this synod; duplicate copies to each of the synods in correspondence with ours; and one copy, each, to the synods of Missouri, Pennsylvania, Ohio, W. Virginia, S. Carolina, and Georgia. *Resolved*, That the secretary of synod furnish an abstract, of the proceedings of this convention of synod, for publication in the *Lutheran and Missionary*, and that other church papers be requested to copy.

On motion, the Minutes were adopted as a whole.

On motion, Synod now adjourned, to meet again at the time and place already designated. Closed with prayer.

I. CONDER, *Secretary*.

BASIS OF UNION, BETWEEN THE NORTH CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE SYNODS.

The Joint Committees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synods of North Carolina and Tennessee, appointed at the last Annual Convention of their respective bodies, assembled in conference at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County, N. C., April 25th 1871, agree upon the following as a basis of union between the two Synods.

SECTION 1st.—GENERAL.

1st. In order to this Union, agreement in Doctrine is necessary and uniformity in practice desirable.

2d. The Holy Scriptures are the only infallible rule of Faith and Practice.

3d. The true bond of Union in all Ecclesiastical bodies is their respective doctrinal standards or as they are generally called Confessions or Creeds.

4th. The unaltered Augsburg Confession is the true bond of union between the Churches of Evangelical Lutheran Synods.

5th. The three Ancient Symbols of our Church, viz. the Apostolic, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, and the unaltered Augsburg Confession, together with the Apology, Smalcald Articles, Luther's larger and smaller Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord faithfully exhibit the truth as taught in the Word of God and are to be received without reservation.

6th. The right of privately interpreting any article of the Church's Creed, with the design of giving it any other construction than is put upon it by the acknowledged standards of our Church is denied, as subversive of a common faith and as productive of strife and schism. Therefore, every minister must stand pledged to believe and teach the doctrines contained in our Symbols according to their uniform interpretation.

7th. The Holy Sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper are to be administered in the words of Christ. Mat. xxviii, 19; Mat. xxvi, 27, 28; 1st Cor. i, 23 to 25.

8th. The Word of God and the Sacraments are the only means of grace and are sufficient in themselves to convert the sinner and establish the belief.

9th. It is admitted that the Word should be preached, (2d Timothy iv, 2,) and that the Holy Spirit alone renders it effectual; but it is denied that His divine influences are ever subject to the human will (John iii, 8). By this however, we do not intend to teach, that the operations of the Holy Spirit upon the human heart, may not be resisted to the destruction of the soul.

10th. In regard to the mode of conducting public Worship, liberty of conscience should not be interfered with, but there should be as much uniformity as possible, which implies adhesion to genuine Lutheran usages.

11th. As the religion of the Gospel, is something that addresses both the understanding and the heart, Catechetical instruction is without doubt, a wise and judicious provision of the Church, for enlightening the former and exciting the affections of the latter and therefore, under ordinary circumstances, should be strictly adhered to in reference to candidates for Church membership. We therefore disapprove of the adoption of any measure that necessarily tends to its abolishment or that may be considered in its nature a substitute.

12th. A uniform system of Church Discipline should be adopted and enforced.

SECTION 2d.—SPECIAL.

Of the Person of Christ.—Since Christ is both God and man, we hold the God-man suffered and died, and that now he is present as to both natures everywhere.

Human Depravity.—Human Depravity is the natural result of Adam's sin, universal as it includes all Adam's posterity, and total as it effects the whole nature of man and inclines to all evil.

In whomsoever innate depravity exists a radical moral change is essentially necessary to salvation. Every child of Adam, as to its nature by virtue of Christ's mediatorial work, is capable of regeneration.

Justification.—Man is justified by faith alone in the merits of Christ.

Good works are the legitimate and necessary fruits of Justification.

Regeneration.—*Regeneration is a new life and light wrought in man by the Holy Ghost, in a faithful use of the means of Grace.

Baptism.—We believe and teach that Baptism is necessary, and is the ordinary means of regeneration; but it is not proper *in the case of children*,† so to speak of Baptism as to make it

indispensable to salvation in all cases, *even where Gospel facilities prevail.*‡

THE LORD'S SUPPER.—This Sacrament, like that of Baptism, IS WHAT GOD HAS MADE IT. It is based on the Word and command of Christ. It retains its nature and dignity, its power and virtue, independent of our views and conduct in regard to it.

That faith which exists, only in connection with true contrition, in the words, "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins," only and alone, constitutes true worthiness in the guest. See Book of Concord, page, 424 bottom, also 572, section 9 and 10.

THE WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT.—This is the testimony of the Holy Spirit in you, when He says in your heart, "your sins are forgiven you." See Book of Concord page 243, Section 1, and 2.

OF THE DECREES OF GOD.—We should not so set forth the Doctrine of the "Decrees of God," as to *predestination, election, perseverance in grace,* and *reprobation,* as to involve an absolute moral *necessity* in the salvation of the elect, and in the damnation of the reprobate.

CHRIST'S DESCENT INTO HELL.—We should not undertake to explain this article farther than it is set forth in our symbols.

MODE OF WORSHIP.—Whilst it is expedient and desirable, that uniformity in mode of Worship, should be generally practiced in all the Churches within our bounds, this should not be urged as Scripturally enjoined.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION.—Confession and Absolution, as always held and practiced in the Lutheran Church, *should*§ not be neglected in any congregation or by any minister in our connection.

We hereby, as evidence of our agreement, affix our names to the above, this 27*th day of April,* 1871.

North Carolina Synod.	*Tennessee Synod.*
L. C. GROSECLOSE,	A. J. FOX,
S. SCHERER,	J. M. SMITH,
N. ALDRICH,	TIMOTHY MOSER,
J. A FISHER,	ALEX. CONRAD,
P. A. SIFFORD,	A. COSTNER.

* Regeneration is a work of grace wrought in man, by the Holy Spirit, through the means.

† ‡ Erased. § Must.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.*

MINISTERS.	Entered the Ministry,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Baptisms. Infants,	Baptisms. Adults,	Confirmations,	Funerals,	Number of Sunday Schools,	Contributions for Minutes,	To Beneficiary Fund,
1. A. J. FOX, ...	1838	7	1000	83	6	30	27	6	$16 80	$90
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3. T. MOSER, ...	1844	5	250	26	0	6	0	0	3 30	00
4. T. CROUSE, ...	1846	7	475	37	6	1	8	1	7 65	15
5. D. EFIRD, ...	0000	8	1010	67	0	27	0	4	6 30	00
6. J. R. PETERSON,	1843	5	440	24	0	13	6	0	9 85	50
7. C. MORETZ, ...	0000	3	160	33	4	7	0	0	0 00	00
8. I. CONDER, ...	1861	4	175	25	1	20	17	3	2 55	18
9. J. S. BENNICK,	1866	6	550	57	10	45	13	1	6 50	39
10. S. HENKEL, ...	1850	4	260	19	6	26	15	3	3 25	16
11. M. L. FOX, ...	1871	1	35	4	0	0	1	0	1 05	00
12. J. M. SMITH, ..	1856	7	1330	84	5	40	20	3	10 15	50
13. J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	2	325	7	0	0	3	1	1 75	00
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* *This Report is very incomplete—some of the Ministers having failed to hand in their Reports, and those handed in not being full.*

OFFICERS.

Rev. S. HENKEL, ...	President.
Rev. I. CONDER, ...	Rec. Sec.
Rev. J. M. SMITH, ...	Cor. Sec.
Rev. A. J. FOX, ...	Treasurer.

Time and Place for the Next Meeting of Synod:

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1872,

Rader's Church, Rockingham Co., Va.

(Rev. J. S. Bennick's Charge.)

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-First Annual Meeting

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod

HELD IN

Philadelphia Church, Gaston County, N. C.

OCTOBER 14--19, 1871.

"SHENANDOAH VALLEY" OFFICE:
New Market, Shenandoah County, Va.

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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, October 14, 1871.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Fifty-first Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened in Philadelphia Church, Gaston county, North Carolina.

A large congregation, in connection with the members of Synod, having assembled, the President, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, after the usual introductory exercises, preached a sermon on Heb. x, 23; in which he was happy in his remarks and illustrations in regard to the faith and its confessions.

A short intermission having been given, the members of Synod, and others, having assembled again, the President, Rev. A. J. Fox, opened the Synod with appropriate exercises.

The house then came to order, the Clerical Roll was called, the absentees noted, and the Lay delegates presented their certificates of election.

CLERICAL ROLL.

	NAMES.	ADDRESS.
1.	Rev. H. Goodman, ...	Statesville, Iredell Co., N. C.
2.	" A. J. Fox, ...	Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C.
3.	" H. Wetzel,*	Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va.
4.	" G Schmucker,*	Upper Tract, Pendleton Co., W. Va.
5.	" J. R. Moser,†	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
6.	" P. C. Henkel†	Gravelton, Wayne Co., Mo.
7.	" J. R. Peterson, ...	Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C.
8.	" T. Moser, ...	Coburn's Store, Union Co., N. C.
9.	" T. Crouse, ...	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.
10.	" S. Henkel, ...	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
11.	" D. Efird, ...	Pine Ridge, Lexington Co., S. C.
12.	" C. Moretz,†	Boone, Watauga Co., N. C.
13.	" J. E. Seneker,*	Waynesboro', Augusta Co., Va.
14.	" J. M. Smith, ...	Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
15.	" I. Conder, ...	McGaheysville, Rockingham Co., Va.
16.	" T. Miller, ...	Saumsville, Shenandoah Co., Va.
17.	" J. S. Bennick, ...	Forestville, Shenandoah Co., Va.
18.	" J. N. Stirewalt, ...	Stony Man, Page Co., Va.
19.	" M. L. Fox,‡	Sandy Creek, Randolph Co., N. C.
20.	" A. L. Crouse,‡	Lexington, Lexington Co., S. C.
21.	" L. A. Fox,§	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Va.

LAY DELEGATES.

S. P. Pasour, ...	Philadelphia Church, N. C.
Jacob Helderman, ...	St. Luke, N. C.
Jonathan Rhyne, ...	Lutheran Chapel, N. C.
J. B. Smith, ...	Christ Church, N. C.
F. M. Gouger, ...	Mt. Moriah, N. C.
Ambrose Costner, ...	Salem Church, Lincoln Co., N. C.

E. Aderholt,	.. ..	St. Mark Church, N. C.
D. M. Wyont,	.. ..	Trinity Church, N. C.
A. S. Probst,	.. ..	Sardis Church, N. C.
Cephas Quickle,	.. ..	Daniel, N. C.
P. W. Carpenter,	.. ..	Bethpage, N. C.
Able I. Ekard,	.. ..	St. Stephens, N. C.
A. L. Yount,	.. ..	St. John, N. C.
Q. M. Smith,	.. ..	St. Peter, N. C.
Samuel Jarrett,	.. ..	St. Paul, N. C.
Henry G. Seitz,	.. ..	Zion, N. C.
Wm. J. Lippard,	.. ..	Friendship, N. C.
Tyrell Barnes,	.. ..	Salem, Alexander Co., N. C.
M. J. Harkey,	.. ..	Morning Star, N. C.
A. H. Boyte,	.. ..	Emanuel, Union Co., N. C.
Jno. Heedick,	.. ..	St. Martin, Cabarrus Co., N. C.
M. M. Efird,	.. ..	St. Martin, Stanly Co., N. C.
Alex. Conrad,	.. ..	Pilgrim and Emanuel, N. C.
Peter Coble,	.. ..	Coble, N. C.
A. L. Crouse,	.. ..	Melanchton, N. C.
Rufus C. Bowman,	.. ..	Emanuel, Kipps' School-house, and Solomon's Churches, Va.
Michael Bowman,	.. ..	Pine Church and Zion, Va.
D. I. Hendrix,	.. ..	Zion, St. Peter, St. Paul, Cedar Grove, and Emanuel, S. C.
Col. G. H. Chapman,	.. ..	St. John, St. Peter, St. Jacob, and Bethlehem, S. C.
G. M. Yoder,	.. ..	Grace, N. C.

‡ Ordained this session. § Received this session,
† Absent, excused. * Dismissed this session.

The President now presented his Report, which was received, but the reading deferred until Monday.

PRSIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Reverend and very dear Brethren:—

Another eventful ecclesiastical year, with all its pleasures and pains, joys and sorrows, prosperities and adversities, has gone by, and, in the love and mercy of the Great God, our kind, Heavenly Father, as a band of brothers, we are once more permitted to meet in Synodical Convention; to deliberate upon the best interests, and make efforts to adopt the most suitable measures, for the promotion of prosperity in the Redeemer's kingdom upon earth. During the past year we have, as usual, had many difficulties to encounter and overcome, and a few adversities have also befallen us. Notwithstanding these things, we have had many things to encourage us in our numerous arduous duties. We must not, therefore, overlook the many renewed obligations we are under, as individuals, and members and ministers of the Church, to make suitable returns of gratitude to our Heavenly Benefactor, for his continued blessings and mercies; and, in the work of this meeting, most earnestly labor to discharge our whole duty, in the accomplishment of the greatest good for time and eternity. To effect these great things, let us most earnestly entreat the Great Head of the Church, to enable us to be harmonious in sentiment, and uniform in action, in all the transactions of this meeting; that every one may be conscious of the truth of the declaration of the Wise Man,—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." As your Presiding Officer, within the past Synodical year, I have received some information relating to the interests of the Church, and have also been called upon to perform some important official acts. It is, therefore, my duty, in this Report, to render an account of my stewardship to you; to which I may add a few suggestions and recommendations.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Much of the important intelligence with which I have been favored, and the principal portion of my Official acts, have been in regard to the subject of *Beneficiary Aid*, furnished young men, preparing for the GOSPEL MINISTRY. By an action of the Convention of this Synod, last year, as its President, I was charged with the management of this matter, and I have done the best I could under the circumstances. This enterprise is still in its infancy, in our Synod, and, of course, comparatively little has been done—yet a fair beginning has been made. A small amount of money has been collected, and paid into the treasury; several applications have been made; one has been accepted, and the young man is now at school, has received a small amount of funds, and will shortly need an additional sum. I trust that at the present Convention of this Synod, such measures, in regard to this very necessary means, for increasing our clergical strength, will be adopted, as will enable us, in a few years, not only to supply all our vacant congregations with well educated and efficient ministers; but also enable us, to so much diminish the number of congregations, in our larger pastorates, that the largest prosperity may be secured for the whole church, within our bounds. To accomplish this, let us, by the help of God, make a united effort. Sometime, early in the year, I received a letter from applicant M. A. Aderholt, that he was then receiving instruction at Washington College, Lexington, Va. And inquired whether any pecuniary assistance could be afforded him from our Beneficiary funds. But, inasmuch as the treasury was then still entirely empty, and on some other accounts, I was compelled to decline acting in the matter.

Early last Spring, Mr. Robert A. Yoder,—a young man, of about 18 years of age, from my own pastoral charge, whom I have known personally from his early childhood—made application for beneficiary aid from us, in prosecuting a course of studies, preparatory to entering the Christian Ministry. This young man expressed a willingness to submit to all the requirements of our regulations in regard to beneficiaries. He has a good, strong constitution; and is of a very healthy family. His moral character is most excellent; as a devoted member of our congregation at Daniels, his piety is commendable. He has a great aptness to learn, and has superior talents for public speaking. His pecuniary means are very limited. In view of all these things, I regarded this a favorable opportunity to commence the work; and, accordingly, with my advice, he entered the Classical School of Proffs. Geo. A. Hahn and M. L. Lttle, at Hickory Tavern, Catawba Co., N. C., on the first Monday in last July. His teachers are both members of our church, and have a good School. He will appear before this meeting of the Synod; and I have no doubt will be able to furnish full satisfaction in regard to his purposes, proficiency, and promise to do good service for the Church. By my official order, he has, as you will learn from the report of our Beneficiary Treasurer, received Twelve Dollars, ($12) of our funds. At the close of the present session of the School which he is attending, he will require an additional sum—amounting in all to about Fifty Dollars, ($50).

Some time last Summer, I received a letter from Mr. Andrew L. Crouse, stating that he had fully determined, by the help of God, to devote himself to the work of the Christian Ministry. He stated, however, that he desired to complete his literary course of studies, and, in that event, he desired some beneficiary aid from us. A few weeks after this, I met him; and, in view of the very urgent demand for an additional number of Ministers among us, to supply our vacant congregations, I examined him, and finding him a fair classical scholar, and possessing more than an ordinary knowledge, for a young man, of the theology of our Church, I advised him to relinquish, at least for the present, his literary studies, and at once commence a special preparation for the work of the Ministry. After some reflection, he gave his consent, and has for some time been vigorously prosecuting his studies, under my care, and has made a few successful efforts at preaching. He will appear before this Synod, at the present Convention, a candidate for licensure.

About the 20th of last September, I received a letter from Mr. Junius S. Coiner, of Waynesboro, Va., who is one of the young men who were received under the care of this Synod, last year, as applicants for the office of the Ministry. He states, that his circumstances compel him, though reluctantly, to ask for beneficiary aid from this Synod, to enable him to complete his preparatory studies in due time. He also states, that Rev. S. Henkel will make a full statement of his case to Synod. I herewith submit his letter, and respectfully commend him to the favorable notice of this Synod.

I am credibly informed, that Mr. Adolphus Yount, an applicant to this Synod for the Ministry, is very successfully prosecuting his studies at his own expense, at Hickory Tavern.

I have learned that applicant William T. Miller has departed this life.

Concerning applicants Paul J. Stirewalt, and William H. Smith, I have received no information.

I am informed that applicant John N. Stirewalt, of New Market, Va., has been ordained by the Virginia Special Conference, as ordered by our last Synod. If my information is correct, his name should be enrolled upon our catalogue of Pastors.

CALL ACCEPTED, AND LETTER OF HONORABLE DISMISSION.

Quite recently, I received a communication from Rev. Luther A. Fox, of Stroudsburg, Pa., informing me that he has received and accepted a call from Bethlehem Congregation, Augusta Co., Va., lately rendered vacant by the death of our much lamented brother in Christ, Rev. Jacob Killian,—and that he expects to enter upon the discharge of his Pastoral duties, in that congregation, about the first of January, next. He also forwarded a letter from Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., President of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, granting him an honorable dismission from that Synod, to this Synod. This letter, of honorable dismission is, herewith, submitted.

CONDITION OF THE CHURCH.

This most interesting and important subject, I have no doubt, will be properly presented to your notice by the Committee upon it. Notwithstanding, I deem it my duty, most respectfully, to call your attention to the scarcity of ministers among us, and the very inadequate support they generally receive, and recommend that suitable measures be adopted, to remedy these evils. To meet the first of these wants, I would recommend the appointment of a committee to prepare for publication, in connection with the Minutes of the present Convention of Synod, an earnest appeal to churches, upon this subject, and that it be made the duty of every Pastor to publicly read this address, at least once annually, in each of his congregations, and demand from his people such salary as they are able to pay.

To accomplish the second, I recommend, that a resolution be adopted at this meeting of Synod, making it the duty of every Minister in our connection, who has the charge of congregations, to bring the subject of Beneficiary Education before each one of the congregations in his Pastorate, and raise collections for that purpose, at least once in every Synodical year.

UNION WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

A few weeks ago, I received a letter from Rev. N. Aldrich, Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Synod, officially informing me that his Synod has unanimously adopted the Basis of Union agreed upon by the Joint Committee; and that they stand ready to take further action, whenever they shall be officially informed that said Basis of Union has been adopted by this Synod. This letter is herewith submitted to Synod.

This truly important question merits your most serious, careful, and most prayerful attention; and I trust that such action will be taken, by this Synod, in reference to it, as you, in your judgment, may think best calculated to consummate this most desirable end, at as early a time as practicable. I believe that such Union will greatly promote the cause of true, Symbolic Lutheranism, in these Southern States. The whole matter will be presented to you, by the Committee appointed by this Synod, last year, to meet and confer with a similar Committee appointed by the North Carolina Synod upon this subject; and also by your Delegate, appointed to the last Convention of that Synod. I trust the Basis of Union unanimously agreed upon by the Joint Committee, and also unanimously adopted by the North Carolina Synod, will also be adopted by this Synod, with equal unanimity.

UNION WITH THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

It seems to me, that this question has not yet been fully disposed of. The action upon it, by the Holston Synod, was only suspended on account of the Delegate from our Synod failing to meet that Synod, in her Convention, at the proper time—and, it seems to me, that it devolves upon us to make further overtures. Its importance demands a renewal of the matter, as it has for its object a Union of all the elements of true Lutheranism in the South. I would, therefore, most respectfully, recommend that a Committee be appointed at this meeting, whose duty it shall be to make an effort to renew correspondence with that Synod, upon this subject.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

The late Pastoral Charge of our much lamented brother, Adam Efird, still remains without the regular services of a Pastor. During a portion of the past year, it has been supplied by Rev. T. Miller, and has also had some services from Rev. Daniel Efird. I would most respectfully recommend, that such steps be taken, at this meeting of Synod, as will, at an early day, furnish them with the regular administration of the means of grace. This is an important part of our Synod; one we cannot well afford to lose, and it should not, therefore, be neglected by us.

Our two congregations in Rowan Co., N. C., have been supplied: one by Pastor Peterson, of this Synod, and the other by Pastor Cone, of the North Carolina Synod. Some arrangements should be made to furnish them with stated Pastoral services; and if this can not be done, they should, at least, both be supplied by a Minister of our Synod.

HYMN BOOK AND LITURGY.

Our Hymn Book and Liturgy are nearly out of print; and, in the present state of affairs, it is not likely that the demand for them will justify another edition of them. Our Synodical relations may, in a short time, be so changed, as to require the use of other Books of this kind; and it is conceded on all hands, that these Books are exceedingly defective. I, therefore, recommend, that a committee, of two Ministers and one intelligent Lay-man, be appointed to investigate this subject; examine and compare the several Hymn Books, and Liturgies, now in use by the English-speaking portion of the Lutheran church in this country; report the result of their inquiries and researches, and, if possible, recommend suitable Books, of this sort, to the next annual convention of this Synod.

CONCORDIA SYNOD.

Three of our Ministers, and a few of our congregations in Virginia, for reasons not necessary to mention in this Report, as you are aware, have, for some time, neglected to attend the Annual Conventions of this Synod, and in a very obstinate and irregular manner insist upon being recognized as a separate Synod, and annually assemble and transact business. I regard this matter as one claiming an action of this Synod, and therefore recommend that a committee be appointed, consisting of three Ministers and two Lay-men, to consider this *vexed affair*, – and report to this convention of Synod, for adoption, some suitable resolutions, in reference to it.

CHURCH PAPER.

For some time we have had no suitable Church Journal, for circulation among our people. But, inasmuch as the *Evangelical Lutheran* has been revived, under new auspices, and promises to be all we wish, I would recommend it to your most favorable notice: and that such action be taken as will secure for it an extensive circulation among our people.

STAUNTON FEMALE SEMINARY.

An intelligent member of Bethlehem church, Augusta county, Va., respectfully asks, that I present to your notice, this most excellent *Institution of Learning*; and that it be recommended, by an action of Synod, to our people in Virginia. I recommend, that this most reasonable request be granted.

DEATH OF MINISTER.

In view of the painful intelligence of the death of our Reverend and dear brother in Christ, Rev. Jacob Killian, whom the Lord, in his inscrutable providence, has been pleased to remove, from his labors and troubles in this world of sin and sorrow, to his reward in Heaven, I recommend that Synod make provision, for giving suitable testimonials of our high appreciation of his moral *Worth* and usefulness, as a Minister of the Gospel, whilst among us; and our deep sorrow, and sense of loss, at his removal into another, though a better World.

In conclusion of this lengthy Report, permit me, dear brethren, to tender you my most sincere thanks, for the confidence you have reposed in me, by so kindly investing me with the position you did, at our last Annual Convention, as well as the kind indulgence you have shown me in my feeble and imperfect efforts to serve you in this capacity. And I now return to you the Presidential Chair, trusting that he, whom you may now select, may fill it more perfectly than I have been able to do. And, may the blessing of an indulgent Heavenly Father ever attend you, and enable you, in all your transactions, to honor his name, and effect the salvation of very many souls. A. J. FOX.

An election was now held for Synodical officers, which resulted as follows:

REV. S. HENKEL,	PRESIDENT,
" I. CONDER,	RECORDING SECRETARY,
" J. M. SMITH,	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
" A. J. FOX,	TREASURER.

The President announced the following committees:

On Petitions.—Revds. J. R. Peterson, T. Crouse, Mr. A. Costner.
On Letters and Papers.—Revds. T. Moser, H. Goodman, and Mr. G. M. Yoder.
President's Report.—Revds. J. R. Peterson, D. Efird, and J. B. Smith.

On Unfinished Business.—Revds. J. M. Smith, M. L. Fox, and Mr. Samuel Jarrett.

The Letters, Petitions, and Papers, designed for Synod were now called for and assigned to the proper committees.

A. Costner, Esq., was now elected a Receiving and Disbursing Agent, to discharge the office of Treasurer of Beneficiary Association.

Wm. J. Lippard and D. M. Wyont were appointed a committee to examine report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Association.

On motion, Synod now adjourned, to meet again on Monday, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SUNDAY, October 15, 10½ o'clock, A. M.

A large congregation having assembled, at the stand in the Grove, the exercises were opened by Prof. L. A. Bikle, of the North Carolina Synod, followed with a discourse by Rev. S. Henkel, on Acts XVIII, 21:—"I must by all means keep this feast."

Confession and Absolution were then held, by the *pastor loci*, according to the custom of the church.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a large number of communicants. A recess was then given, after which, Rev. J. M. Smith preached, from Isa. LI, 1. During all these exercises, a deep feeling of solemnity seemed to prevail.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, October 16, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod having assembled, devotional exercises were conducted by Father H. Goodman. The roll was called, and the minutes read and confirmed.

Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle, appointed a corresponding Delegate by the North Carolina Synod to this session of Synod, being present, now presented his credentials of election, and was invited to a seat amongst us.

In consequence of sickness, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was excused from attending the future sessions of this Synod. Mr. A. L. Crouse was appointed, by him, to read his annual report.

On motion, this report was read and returned to the committee.

The committee on *Unfinished Business* now reported, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We the committee, on unfinished business, on examination of the Minutes of the last session of our Synod, find the following items, which we submit to Synod:

Item 1, Page 8, a committee of two was appointed, to investigate the difficulties existing between Rev. C. Moretz and the members of Mt. Pleasant Church. Did that committee discharge their duty?

Item 2, Pages 7 and 8, The Virginia Special Conference was authorized to examine John N. Stirewalt, and, if found qualified, ordain him to the Pastoral office. Was this duty performed?

Item 3, Page 10, a committee was appointed to meet a similar committee of N. C. Synod. Did that committee discharge their duty?

Item 4, Page 12, collections for beneficiary education were expected to be taken by every minister in connection with this Synod. Has this been done?

Item 5, Page 15, Rev. A. J. Fox was appointed a Delegate to North Carolina Synod. Rev. J. R. Peterson to the Holston Synod. Rev. S. Henkel to the Pennsylvania Synod. Did these Brethren or their Alternates discharge said duty? Respectfully Submitted, J. M. SMITH,

M. L. FOX, SAM'L JARRETT.

The report was received and acted on Item by Item.

Item 1, of the report was taken up and deferred.

Item 2, the Virginia Special Conference discharged this duty.

On motion the name of Rev. John N. Stirewalt was inserted in our clerical catalogue.

Item 3, was complied with.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION WITH N. CAROLINA SYNOD.

The committee, appointed to meet and confer with the committee appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, upon the subject of the Union of the two Synods, would submit the following:

Some time, early last Spring, a correspondence was opened, between the chairman of this committee and Rev. L. C. Groseclose, the chairman of the other committee, in regard to the most suitable time and place for the meeting of these committees—and resulted in the selection of Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, N. C. And, accordingly, the committee of this Synod repaired to the place of meeting, previously agreed upon, on the 25th day of last April, and had the pleasure of a most cordial meeting of the members of the other committee—one of whom, however, owing to sickness in his family, could not be with us for the first two days of our convention. We were, also, most kindly received and entertained, by the citizens of that most pleasant and interesting little town.

At 1 o'clock, p. m., the two committees assembled in one of the halls of the North Carolina College,—which is located at this place. After effecting an organization, by electing Rev. A. J. Fox president and Rev. N. Aldrich secretary of the Joint Committee, and arranging some other preliminary matters, a motion, to adjourn until 9 o'clock the next day, prevailed—in order that the respective committees might have sufficient time to prepare suitable propositions, to be submitted for the consideration of the Conference.

At the hour appointed, the Conference met; the Theses of each committee were first read separately, as a whole; then read item by item, fully and freely discussed, and, with the exception of two propositions, were unanimously adopted. From these there was, finally, but one dissenting voice; and that was by a member of the North Carolina Synod's committee. A sub-committee was then appointed, consisting of the Officers of the Conference and one Lay-man from each of the committees, to consolidate the Theses, as agreed upon, to be submitted next morning, for adoption, as a whole.

The sub-committee having discharged its duty, the proposed Basis of Union was read, and a motion was made for its adoption. When the same objections were revived, which were urged on the previous day, a lengthy and animated debate was elicited—in which all the members of the Conference were engaged, more or less, and in which some of the spectators also took some part. After making a few very slight verbal alterations in the two propositions to which exception was taken, the entire paper was unanimously adopted. The Articles and Sections, agreed upon as a Basis of Union, were, by a unanimous vote, ordered to be printed in Circular form, for gratuitous distribution among the congregations of the two Synods—each one to receive 250 copies, and pay one-half of the expenses of publication and distribution. Conference then adjourned, subject to the call of the President, but has had no subsequent session.

The committee is truly happy to be able to inform the Synod, that there was not the slightest shade of difference in the views of its members. We are sorry, however, to have to say, that there was some considerable discord in the views of the members of the other committee. Our discussions indicated but too plainly, that its members are not entirely agreed upon every subject.

It may be of some interest to the members of this Synod, as well as all who may read the Minutes of this Convention, to learn that, animated as the discussions were, there was not the slightest feeling of asperity manifested, between the members of the two Synods. Our committee stood firmly upon the standards of our church; stated their position clearly, and are not conscious of having compromised any principle of our Synod. How far this is correct, the published Basis of Union will show. All who were present, Professors and students of College, Ministers, and Lay-men, took the deepest interest in our discussions; and all, with the exception of two of the Clerical members of the North Carolina Synod committee, deeply sympathized with us, and fully agreed with us, in the views expressed by us in our Theses. As there were two parties among them—one fully representing the views of our Synod, and the other the opposite views; our committee was greatly relieved in the discussions, having little more to do than to listen to their discussions.

We feel confident that very much was done, by the Conference, to harmonize feelings

and views which have, for so many years, divided the two Synods; and to prepare the way for their ultimate re-union.

The Basis of Union, as agreed upon by the Joint committee, has been published; 250 copies have been distributed among our people, and one copy is, herewith, submitted to the consideration of this Synod. It remains to be seen, whether it will be adopted or rejected. Whether the much to be desired Union, between brethren so long estranged from each other, can be effected, or not? Time, only, will reveal these things.

The expenses of publication and distribution of Circulars, as per order of Joint committee, was, on our part, five dollars and fifty cents, ($5 50), which has been paid, by the chairman of the committee, out of funds, in his hands, belonging to Synod. The traveling expenses of committee, in the aggregate, is ——— Dollars.

Respectfully submitted, by the COMMITTEE.

On motion, this report was adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod is authorized to pay for the publication of circulars, and the traveling expenses incurred by the meeting of the Joint committee, at Mt. Pleasant.

Item 4, was generally complied with.

Item 5, was performed, and the report is herewith submitted.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

On account of other pressing engagements, I, as your Delegate to the E. L. Synod of North Carolina, failed to reach the place of its last meeting, on the first day of the Convention. I, however, arrived on the morning of the second day, and am truly happy to inform you, that I was most cordially received, and had the pleasure of attending that Synod two days. The transactions of that truly energetic and most active Lutheran Synod, were chiefly of a local nature; yet, I am happy to be able to say, that much was done for the prosperity of true Lutheranism among its people. From all that I could learn, from private interviews, with various of its ministers, and from their public discussions, I am fully convinced that a majority of its members are decidedly Lutheran in theory and practice—and a few of them may be regarded somewhat ultra. A few, however, seem still to be anxious to retain some of the un-Lutheran customs, which unhappily found their way into the Synod, in days when she, like too many other Lutheran Synods in this country, was not as well informed and watchful in these things as she should have been. I am encouraged to believe, that, in no very great while, that Synod will have expurgated herself from every trace of un-Lutheranism in practice, as she has nobly done in theory.

On Friday evening the subject of Union with this Synod was taken into consideration; which elicited some animated discussion, in which, from the very nature of the things, and to answer several interrogatories, made it necessary for me to take some part. The Basis of Union, agreed upon by the Joint Committee, was at length unanimously adopted.—Several propositions were made, looking to future action, but failed to carry; at length, however, a resolution was passed making it the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of that Synod, to officially inform the President of this Synod, that the Basis of Union was unanimously adopted by that Synod; and that, as soon as she should be officially informed that said Basis of Union has been adopted by this Synod, she will stand ready to take further action in the matter. This notice has been received by the President, and has been submitted with his annual report.

It is to be hoped that said Basis of Union will also be unanimously adopted by this Synod; and that such other action will be taken as will hasten this truly desirable Union.

Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle was elected Delegate to this Synod, and Rev. N. Aldrich his alternate.

That Synod had been an integral part of the Southern General Synod, from its organization; but at its last meeting, with only one dissenting voice, resolved to sever its connection with that General Body, and thus has removed another obstacle to union with this Synod.

On account of other engagements, I was compelled to leave these brethren at the close of their session, on Friday evening. My attendance upon the Convention of that Synod afforded me pleasure, and profit; and I trust that, so long as we remain separate Synods, this correspondence by Delegates will be continued.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. J. FOX.

On motion, this report was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Peterson did not attend, as Corresponding Delegate, the meeting of the Holston Synod, he did, however, communicate by letter, his excuse for absence. Rev. S. Henkel did not, in consequence of pressing business, attend the convention of the Pennsylvania Synod.

On motion, Synod now took a recess; during which Rev. J. S. Bennick preached, from 1 John II, 1, 2.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 16, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod assembled, the roll was called.

On motion, Mr. J. B. Smith was excused from attendance on the session of Synod on Tuesday.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

We, the committee on letters and papers, submit the following:

No. 1, is a letter from C. Moretz, in which he states the reasons of his absence; asks to be excused for his non-attendance; and admonishes the Synod to stand firm, on the eternal Word, and make no compromise with sect or error.

No. 2, is a letter from Rev. Thomas Miller, in which he gives the reason of his absence from the Synod, and asks to be excused for his non-attendance.

No. 3, is a letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, delegate from the Virginia to the Tennessee Synod, in which he states, that he deeply regrets that it is wholly out of his power to be present at this meeting of our Synod; he assures us that many of the Ministers of their body are unfeignedly desirous that the estranged relation existing between the two bodies, in the past, may speedily pass away; and he also desires that we appoint a delegate to their next meeting.

No. 4, is a letter from Rev. J. R. Moser, in which he expresses his desire to be in our midst; states the reasons that prevent him from being with us, and calls the attention of Synod to various matters of interest. Your committee recommend, that the letter be read in open Synod. We further recommend, that Revds. C. Moretz, T. Miller, and J. R. Moser, be excused. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER, H. GOODMAN, G. M. YODER.

On motion, this report was received by Items.

No. 1, On motion, Rev. C. Moretz was excused from attendance at this session of Synod.

No. 2, On motion, Rev. T. Miller was excused.

No. 3, *Resolved*, that we have learned with regret, by a communication from Rev. J. I. Miller, the Delegate appointed by the Virginia Synod to this session of Synod, that it was not in his power to attend; that his friendly greetings are reciprocated, and that this Synod appoint a Delegate to their next session of Synod. On motion, the letter of Rev. J. R. Moser, containing his excuse for absence, was read publicly in Synod. On motion, Revds. J. R. Moser, P. C. Henkel, and John N. Stirewalt were excused.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

We, the committee upon petitions, have examined the papers placed in our hands, and find the following:

No. 1, is a petition from Mt. Pleasant church, Alamance Co., N. C., praying for the examination of Licentiate L. M. Fox, as to his theological attainments; and, if found qualified, for his ordination to the office of Pastor. The petitioners also pray for his services.

No. 2, is a petition from Trinity church, Lincoln Co., N. C., recommending applicant A. L. Crouse to the favorable notice of Synod, and requesting his examination; and, if found qualified, praying Synod to grant him a license to perform all the functions of the Ministerial office. The petitioners also pray for his services.

No. 3, is a petition from St. Martin church, Iredell Co., N. C., praying for the ministerial services of Rev. T. Moser, or those of some other minister of this Synod.

Nos. 4, 5, and 6, are petitions from Emanuel church, New Market, Va., Rader's church, Rockingham Co., Va., and Bethlehem church, Augusta Co., Va., praying for the next convention of Synod.

We your committee recommend, that the above Petitions receive the proper attention of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON, THOS. CROUSE, A. COSTNER.

On motion, the report was received and acted upon, Item by Item. Item 1, the examination of M. L. Fox submitted. Item 2, the examination of A. L. Crouse also submitted. Item 3, on motion, Synod recommends St. Martin church to correspond with Rev. T. Moser, in regard to his locating in their midst. Items 4, 5, 6, deferred. On motion, Mr. E. M. Aderholt was excused from further attendance at this session of Synod. The attention of Synod was now called to the importance of making arrangements to look after the wandering sheep in the States of Mississippi, Arkansas, and other places.

Repeated calls for a number of years have been made to this body, to send them, if possible, spiritual comfort and a shepherd, who may lead them back unto the church of their first love; where they may worship God under their own vine and fig tree. Therefore, *Resolved*, that Rev. J. M. Smith, the corresponding Secretary be instructed to correspond with Rev. P. C. Henkel, of Missouri, who is authorized to make arrangements, with some member of the Missouri Synod, to supply those people with ministerial services.

The Committee on Treasurer's report now reported as follows:

THOMAS MILLER, Treasurer,

1870	In account with E. L. Tennessee Synod,		Dr.
Nov. 5.	Received of former Treasurer,		$16,53
Nov. 5.	Contributions at St. Peter Church, S. C.,		48,75
			$65,28
1871.	CR.		
Jan. 17.	Paid Henkel & Calvert, printing Minutes, postage. &c.,	$45,44	$45.44
	Balance due Synod,		$19,84

Respectfully submitted, by the Treasurer of E. L. Tennessee Synod.

THOMAS MILLER.

Your Committee, on the Treasurer's Report, have examined the same, and find it correct. We find, remaining in his hands. nineteen dollars and 84 cents, ($19 84)

Respectfully submitted, T. CROUSE, J. BOWMAN, A. COSTNER.

It was received and adopted. On motion, Synod adjourned, until Tuesday morning. At 6½ o'clock preaching by Rev. I. Conder, from John XIV, 23, 27.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, October 17, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod was called to order, Rev. T. Crouse leading in devotional exercises. The roll was called. The minutes read, received, amended, and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUNDS.

A. Costner, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

1871.	In account with E. L. Tennessee Synod,		Dr.
July 5th.	To Cash from Dr. A. J. Fox, Grace church,		$13.00
Oct. 16.	To Cash from D. M. Wyont, Trinity church,		7.60
			$20.60
1871.	CR.		
Aug. 19.	By Cash to R. A. Yoder,	$12.00	
Aug. 19.	By Cash Blank Book,	.25	$12.25
	Balance,		$8.35

You will see at once that our operations have been very meagre; but it is our beginning, without proper concert of action, as yet. I am informed, however, by Ministers and laymen, that an indefinite amount has been subscribed and collected in the various charges, amounting to several hundred dollars—which is subject to your direction.

Respectfully submitted, A. COSTNER.

We, your committee, appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund of the E. L. Tennessee Synod, have done so and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. LIPPARD, D. M. WYONT.

On motion, they were received. On motion, the deferred items of Unfinished Business, on yesterday, were now taken up.

We, a committee to investigate difficulties between Rev. C Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation, have partially discharged the duty imposed upon us, by means of correspondence and verbal inquiry; but are sorry to say that our efforts, so far, are without success. We would, however, recommend, that Synod appoint a committee to visit them, and aid them by advice and counsel, to adjust their difficulties, at as early period as practicable.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PETERSON, J. M. SMITH.

The Report was, on motion, adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The committee upon President's Report have examined that document, and beg leave to report the following:

The items, requiring the attention of Synod, are the following:

1, The conduct of that officer, in the management of the work of beneficiary education with which he was entrusted by last Synod, to us appears judicious, and should receive the approval of this convention.

2, The President informs Synod, that the Rev. L. A. Fox has received and accepted a call to Bethlehem church, Augusta Co., Va., and has laid before Synod a letter of honorable dismission granted brother Fox by the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, to connect himself with this body. We recommend that the letter be read, and that brother Fox be received as a member of this Synod.

3. In regard to union with the North Carolina Synod, your committee recommend that the Basis of Union, agreed upon by the joint committee of the two Synods, be considered, and such other action had as may be deemed best.

4. Your committee recommend, that the committee proposed by the President, to make an effort to re-open correspondence with the Holston Synod, with a view to effect a closer union between the bodies, be appointed.

5. Your committee know no means by which our vacant congregations can, at present, be better supplied with the means of grace, and have no recommendation to make.

6. The President recommends, that a committee be appointed, to report to the next convention of this Synod, upon the subject of Hymn Book and Liturgy. We recommend the appointment of said committee.

7. In regard to the Concordia Synod, we recommend that the committee proposed by the President be appointed.

8. Your committee concur in the recommendation of the *Evangelical Lutheran*, by the President; and urge it upon every minister of this Synod to make suitable efforts to introduce it into every family, under his care.

9. Your committee recommend, that a committee be appointed, to prepare resolutions expressive of the high appreciation of our beloved brother, Rev. J. Killian, and of the loss our Synod and church have sustained by his death.

Respectfully submitted. J. R. PETERSON, D. EFIRD, J. B. SMITH.

On motion, it was received and considered, item by item: Item 1, adopted. Item 2, the recommendation of the committee complied with. On motion, Rev. L. A. Fox, of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, was unanimously received as a member of this Synod. Messrs. A. H. Boyte, F. M. Gouger, and Cephas Quickle, desiring leave of absence, it was granted. On motion, Synod adjourned, to meet again after preaching.

During recess, an infant was dedicated to God, in the solemn Sacrament of Bapti m, by the *pastor loci*. Rev. Prof. L. A. Bikle preached a discourse,

from Eph. II, 20:—"And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-*stone*."

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called. On motion, the committee to investigate difficulties between Rev. C. Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation were continued. Revds. T. Moser, T. Crouse, and Samuel Jarrett, were added to this committee.

Item 3, In the report of committee on President's Report, was now considered. On motion, the First Article of the Basis of Union was taken up, and the remaining ones by sections and items. Items 1, 2. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, were adopted.

SECTION 2.—*Special.*—On motion, item 1, adopted. On motion, item 2, adopted, with a foot-note, (a dagger and asterisk,) to mark the words changed in the Basis of Union. On motion, the 4th item adopted, with amendment:

I move, that it be the sentiment of Synod, on the adoption of the Article on Regeneration in the Basis of Union, That the Article might be more clearly expressed in the following language: Regeneration is a work of grace wrought in man, by the Holy Spirit, through the means.

On motion, the article on Baptism, adopted.

I move, that in the adoption of the article on Baptism, contained in the Basis, That it be the opinion of Synod, that the article would be better expressed if the words, "in the case of children," and the words, "even where Gospel facilities prevail," were erased.

On motion, the Article on the Lord's Supper, The witness of the Spirit, Of the Decrees of God, Christ's Descent into Hell, On mode of worship, adopted. On motion, the Article on Confession and Absolution, adopted with foot-note, "*must*," corresponding with "*should*," in the Basis. A vote was then taken upon the whole, and was unanimously adopted. On motion, Synod now adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at the appointed hour. Closed by Benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 18, A. M.

In the absence of the President, Rev. T. Moser was called to the chair, and Rev. L. M. Fox opened the meeting with appropriate exercises. The roll was called and the minutes read and confirmed. Synod now resumed the subject of Basis of Union.

Resolved. That as we have endorsed and adopted, with some explanations, the Basis of Union agreed upon by the Joint-committee of the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods, that it be inserted in the Minutes.

Resolved. That the Corresponding Secretary of this Synod be instructed, to inform the President of the North Carolina Synod, of the action of this Synod; and, also, that we stand prepared to consider further steps towards the consummation of a Union between the two Synods.

Resolved. That it is the sense of this Synod, that, at the present time, Union, in the form of a Joint Synod, or Branch Synods, is preferred to that of one by consolidation.

Messrs. Carpenter, Lippard, Q. M. Smith, and Barnes, now obtained leave of absence. Item 4, On motion, Dr. A. J. Fox and J. R. Peterson were appointed a committee, to correspond with the Holston Synod, in regard to effecting a closer union with that body. Item 6, *Whereas*, the present edition of our Hymn-book is about exhausted, and as it is not thought advisable to publish a new edition at this time, therefore, *Resolved*, That Rev. S. Hen-

kel, Dr. A. J. Fox, and Mr. A. Costner, be appointed a committee, to examine various Hymn-books and Liturgies, and report at next meeting of synod.

Item 7, complied with. On motion, Revds. J. M. Smith and J. R. Peterson, and A. Costner, were appointed the Committee, having reference to Concordia synod. On motion, the Report of Committee on President's Report was suspended, and the Ordinations of M. L. Fox, and A. L. Crouse considered.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATIONS.

We, your committee, having examined Revds. M. L. Fox and A. L. Crouse, as to their Theological attainments, find that they are well qualified to bear the office of the Gospel Ministry. We, therefore, recommend, that M. L. Fox and A. L. Crouse be ordained to the office of Pastor. Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER, J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, it was adopted. On motion, Mr. M. L. Fox, and A. L. Crouse be ordained to the office of Pastor at the close of the Ordination sermon. On motion, synod now adjourned, until after recess.

During recess, Rev. T. Moser preached the Ordination sermon, from Acts XX, 28; after which they were inducted into the Ministerial office, by the "imposition of hands and prayer."

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod convened, the roll was called. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this synod are due, and are hereby tendered, to the members and friends of Philadelphia church, for the kindness and hospitality with which they have received and entertained us, during our stay among them; and that this resolution be read to the congregation, by the President, immediately before the final adjournment.

Item 8, On motion, synod recommends the *Evangelical Lutheran*, published by Rev. N. Aldrich, of Charlotte, N. C., to the favorable notice of our people, and wishes to see it widely circulated. Item 9, the recommendation of the committee complied with. On motion, the following resolution was passed: *Resolved*, That Revds. J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith be appointed, a committee to draw up resolutions expressive of the loss sustained by synod, in the death of Rev. J. Killian.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

As corresponding secretary, I beg leave to report that I have not found it necessary to perform any official acts during the past synodical year. The documents which came into my hands are the following: 1st, The Minutes of the 68th session of the E. L. Synod of North Carolina. In these Minutes, I find nothing requiring attention, from our body, besides that which has already received attention. Rev. N. Aldrich, Charlotte, N. C., was elected corresponding secretary. The next session of this synod will be held in Organ church, Rowan Co., N. C., commencing on Wednesday, before the Fourth Sunday of August, 1872. 2d, The Minutes of the 11th session of the E. L. Synod and Ministerium of Georgia. This synod numbers six Ministers, and was to meet in convention, in Luther Chapel, Campbell County, Georgia, on Thursday before the First Sunday instant. 3, Minutes of the 9th annual session of the E. L. Holston Synod, held in Sinking Spring church, Green Co., Tennessee, Aug. 27-30. They elected Rev. Prof. J. M. Wagner, President, and Rev. Prof. Turner, secretary. I find nothing requiring your attention. 4, Minutes of the 6th convention of the E. L. General Synod of North America, convened in Winchester, Va., Thursday, June 9, 1870. Its Officers chosen, are, Rev. Prof. A. J. Brown, President, and Rev. J. C. Repass, secretary. This synod adjourned, to meet again in Charleston, S. C., on Thursday, before the second Sunday, in May, 1872.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, it was received and adopted. On motion, the following persons were appointed as Delegates to sister synods: Rev. T. Moser to North Carolina synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson, alternate. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, to Hol-

ston synod; Rev. J. M. Smith, alternate. Rev. S. Henkel, to Virginia synod, Rev. I. Conder, alternate.

We, the committee appointed to report upon that item in the President's report having reference to the Concordia synod, submit the following: While we still regard the action of our misguided brethren, Revds. Wetzel, Seneker, and Schmucker, as irregular, and schismatic, yet, as we can see no advantages that can accrue to our synod by the retention of their names in our clerical roll, we recommend, that their names be stricken from our list of Pastors. J. M. SMITH, J. R. PETERSON, A. COSTNER.

On motion, the next convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee synod will meet, (D. V.) in Rader church, Rockingham Co., Va., on Saturday before the 1st Sunday of September, 1872, 10 o'clock, A. M. Mr. Samuel Jarrett now obtained leave of absence. On motion, synod now adjourned, until to-morrow morning. At 7 o'clock, Rev. D. Efird preached a sermon, from John XIV, 6.

EIGHTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 19, A. M.

Synod met, and was opened by suitable religious exercises, by Rev. J. M. Smith. The roll was called.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF REV. JACOB KILLIAN.

Whereas, it hath pleased the Almighty Disposer of all events, in the righteous dispensation of an allwise providence, to call the Rev. Jacob Killian, a member of this Synod, from his labors on earth, to his reward in heaven; be it, therefore, *Resolved*, 1 That, in this painful dispensation, we recognize the hand of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well; and bow with filial resignation to his chastening hand. 2 That we deeply lament the loss of a devoted friend; an earnest and efficient laborer in the work of the ministry; and of one manifesting the liveliest interest in the prosperity of our beloved Zion. 3, That we will ever cherish his memory, endeavor to imitate his many virtues, and emulate his bright examples, in an untiring devotion to the welfare and prosperity of the church, which he so much loved. 4, That we sincerely condole with the family of our deceased brother, in their sad bereavement, and deep affliction. 5, That the Secretary of synod forward a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PETERSON, J. M. SMITH.

On motion, the Resolutions were adopted with a rising vote.

1, *Be it Resolved*, That the Ministers report the available amounts of contributions for Beneficiary purposes, secured in their respective charges, and that the amounts be inserted in our Minutes. 2, *Be it Resolved*, That an appropriation of $75 be made for the benefit of Junius Koiner, as a Beneficiary; and that the President is, hereby, instructed to issue an order on the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund, to that effect—and that he continue his studies, this year, at the University of Va. 3. *Be it Resolved*, That an appropriation of $75 be made for the benefit of R. A. Yoder, as a beneficiary; and that the President issue an order on the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, to that effect: and that he continue to prosecute his studies at Hickory Tavern, N. C., during this year. 4, *Be it Resolved*, That the Ministers collect, from their Congregational Treasurers, the amounts in the hands of the said Treasurers, and pay them over to the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, or hold them subject to his order. 5, *Be it Resolved*, That an appropriation of $50 be made for the benefit of J. C. Moser, and an appropriation, of $20, for the benefit of J. Q. Deal,—as Beneficiaries,—and that the President issue orders on the Treasurer to that effect; that the former continue his studies at N. C. College, and the latter at Hickory Tavern, N. C.

The above Resolutions, were adopted. On motion, the following resolution was adopted.

Be it resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to revise the Constitution of our Beneficiary Association, and arrange it so as to give the conferences in each state, or the ministers and congregations in each state, authority to carry on the work within themselves, and report their efforts annually to synod, which report may be placed on the face of the minutes of synod; and that the committee report their plan or revision to *next Synod*, for its action. Revds. J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the secretary of synod have the minutes printed, as usual, and that he send five copies to each minister of this synod; duplicate copies to each of the synods in correspondence with ours; and one copy, each, to the synods of Missouri, Pennsylvania, Ohio, W. Virginia, S. Carolina, and Georgia. *Resolved*, That the secretary of synod furnish an abstract, of the proceedings of this convention of synod, for publication in the *Lutheran and Missionary*, and that other church papers be requested to copy.

On motion, the Minutes were adopted as a whole.

On motion, Synod now adjourned, to meet again at the time and place already designated. Closed with prayer.

I. CONDER, *Secretary*.

BASIS OF UNION, BETWEEN THE NORTH CAROLINA AND TENNESSEE SYNODS.

The Joint Committees of the Evangelical Lutheran Synods of North Carolina and Tennessee, appointed at the last Annual Convention of their respective bodies, assembled in conference at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus County, N. C., April 25th 1871, agree upon the following as a basis of union between the two Synods.

SECTION 1st.—GENERAL.

1st. In order to this Union, agreement in Doctrine is necessary and uniformity in practice desirable.

2d. The Holy Scriptures are the only infallible rule of Faith and Practice.

3d. The true bond of Union in all Ecclesiastical bodies is their respective doctrinal standards or as they are generally called Confessions or Creeds.

4th. The unaltered Augsburg Confession is the true bond of union between the Churches of Evangelical Lutheran Synods.

5th. The three Ancient Symbols of our Church, viz. the Apostolic, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, and the unaltered Augsburg Confession, together with the Apology, Smalcald Articles, Luther's larger and smaller Catechisms, and the Formula of Concord faithfully exhibit the truth as taught in the Word of God and are to be received without reservation.

6th. The right of privately interpreting any article of the Church's Creed, with the design of giving it any other construction than is put upon it by the acknowledged standards of our Church is denied, as subversive of a common faith and as productive of strife and schism. Therefore, every minister must stand pledged to believe and teach the doctrines contained in our Symbols according to their uniform interpretation.

7th. The Holy Sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper are to be administered in the words of Christ. Mat. xxviii, 19; Mat. xxvi, 27, 28; 1st Cor. i, 23 to 25.

8th. The Word of God and the Sacraments are the only means of grace and are sufficient in themselves to convert the sinner and establish the belief.

9th. It is admitted that the Word should be preached, (2d Timothy iv, 2,) and that the Holy Spirit alone renders it effectual; but it is denied that His divine influences are ever subject to the human will (John iii, 8). By this however, we do not intend to teach, that the operations of the Holy Spirit upon the human heart, may not be resisted to the destruction of the soul.

10th. In regard to the mode of conducting public Worship, liberty of conscience should not be interfered with, but there should be as much uniformity as possible, which implies adhesion to genuine Lutheran usages.

11th. As the religion of the Gospel, is something that addresses both the understanding and the heart, Catechetical instruction is without doubt, a wise and judicious provision of the Church, for enlightening the former and exciting the affections of the latter and therefore, under ordinary circumstances, should be strictly adhered to in reference to candidates for Church membership. We therefore disapprove of the adoption of any measure that necessarily tends to its abolishment or that may be considered in its nature a substitute.

12th. A uniform system of Church Discipline should be adopted and enforced.

SECTION 2d.—SPECIAL.

Of the Person of Christ.—Since Christ is both God and man, we hold the God-man suffered and died, and that now he is present as to both natures everywhere.

Human Depravity.—Human Depravity is the natural result of Adam's sin, universal as it includes all Adam's posterity, and total as it effects the whole nature of man and inclines to all evil.

In whomsoever innate depravity exists a radical moral change is essentially necessary to salvation. Every child of Adam, as to its nature by virtue of Christ's mediatorial work, is capable of regeneration.

Justification.—Man is justified by faith alone in the merits of Christ.

Good works are the legitimate and necessary fruits of Justification.

Regeneration.—*Regeneration is a new life and light wrought in man by the Holy Ghost, in a faithful use of the means of Grace.

Baptism.—We believe and teach that Baptism is necessary, and is the ordinary means of regeneration; but it is not proper *in the case of children*,† so to speak of Baptism as to make it

indispensable to salvation in all cases, *even where Gospel facilities prevail.*‡

The Lord's Supper.—This Sacrament, like that of Baptism, is what God has made it. It is based on the Word and command of Christ. It retains its nature and dignity, its power and virtue, independent of our views and conduct in regard to it.

That faith which exists, only in connection with true contrition, in the words, "Given and shed for you, for the remission of sins," only and alone, constitutes true worthiness in the guest. See Book of Concord, page, 424 bottom, also 572, section 9 and 10.

The Witness of the Spirit.—This is the testimony of the Holy Spirit in you, when He says in your heart, "your sins are forgiven you." See Book of Concord page 243, Section 1, and 2.

Of the Decrees of God.—We should not so set forth the Doctrine of the "Decrees of God," as to *predestination*, *election*, *perseverance in grace*, and *reprobation*, as to involve an absolute moral *necessity* in the salvation of the elect, and in the damnation of the reprobate.

Christ's Descent into Hell.—We should not undertake to explain this article farther than it is set forth in our symbols.

Mode of Worship.—Whilst it is expedient and desirable, that uniformity in mode of Worship, should be generally practiced in all the Churches within our bounds, this should not be urged as Scripturally enjoined.

Confession and Absolution.—Confession and Absolution, as always held and practiced in the Lutheran Church, *should*§ not be neglected in any congregation or by any minister in our connection.

We hereby, as evidence of our agreement, affix our names to the above, this 27th day of April, 1871.

North Carolina Synod.	*Tennessee Synod.*
L. C. GROSECLOSE,	A. J. FOX,
S. SCHERER,	J. M. SMITH,
N. ALDRICH,	TIMOTHY MOSER,
J. A FISHER,	ALEX. CONRAD,
P. A. SIFFORD,	A. COSTNER.

* Regeneration is a work of grace wrought in man, by the Holy Spirit, through the means.

† ‡ Erased. § Must.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.*

MINISTERS.	Entered the Ministry,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Baptisms. Infants,	Baptisms. Adults,	Confirmations,	Funerals,	Number of Sunday Schools,	Contributions for Minutes,	To Beneficiary Fund,
1. A. J. FOX, ...	1838	7	1000	83	6	30	27	6	$16 80	$90
2. H. GOODMAN, ...	0000	4	226	38	0	56	5	0	00 00	00
3. T. MOSER, ...	1844	5	250	26	0	6	0	0	3 30	00
4. T. CROUSE, ...	1846	7	475	37	6	1	8	1	7 65	15
5. D. EFIRD, ...	0000	8	1010	67	0	27	0	4	6 30	00
6. J. R. PETERSON,	1843	5	440	24	0	13	6	0	9 85	50
7. C. MORETZ, ...	0000	3	160	33	4	7	0	0	0 00	00
8. I. CONDER, ...	1861	4	175	25	1	20	17	3	2 55	18
9. J. S. BENNICK,	1866	6	550	57	10	45	13	1	6 50	39
10. S. HENKEL, ...	1850	4	260	19	6	26	15	3	3 25	16
11. M. L. FOX, ...	1871	1	35	4	0	0	1	0	1 05	00
12. J. M. SMITH, ..	1856	7	1330	84	5	40	20	3	10 15	50
13. J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	2	325	7	0	0	3	1	1 75	00
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* *This Report is very incomplete—some of the Ministers having failed to hand in their Reports, and those handed in not being full.*

OFFICERS.

Rev. S. HENKEL, ...	President.
Rev. I. CONDER, ...	Rec. Sec.
Rev. J. M. SMITH, ...	Cor. Sec.
Rev. A. J. FOX, ...	Treasurer.

Time and Place for the Next Meeting of Synod:

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1872,

Rader's Church, Rockingham Co., Va.

(Rev. J. S. Bennick's Charge.)

MINUTES

OF THE

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PROCEEDINGS

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FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

THIS SYNOD met, in its Fifty-second Annual Convention, in Rader's church, Rockingham County, Va., on Saturday before the First Sunday in September, 1872. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt preached on Luke xv, 5.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, P. M. August 31, 1872.

Synod met for business, and was opened with appropriate devotional exercises by the President, Rev. S. Henkel. The Roll was called, and the certificates of Lay-members were presented.

CLERICAL REGISTER:

1.	REV. H. GOODMAN, ..	Statesville, Iredell County, N. C.
2.	" A. J. FOX, ..	Lincolnton, Lincoln " "
3.	" J. R. MOSER, ..	Gravelton, Wayne " Missouri.
4.	" P. C. HENKEL, ..	Gravelton, " " "
5.	" J. R. PETERSON, ..	Dallas, Gaston " N. C.
6.	" T. MOSER, ...	Coburn's Store, Union Co., "
7.	" T. CROUSE, ...	Sandy Creek, Randolph " "
8.	" S. HENKEL, ...	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
9.	" D. EFIRD, ...	Pine Ridge, Lexington " S. C.
10.	" C. MORETZ, ...	Boone, Watauga County, N. C.
11.	" J. M. SMITH, ..	Newton, Catawba " "
12.	" I. CONDER, ...	McGaheysville, Rockingham Co., Va.
13.	" T. MILLER, ...	Saumsville, Shenandoah " "
14.	" J. S. BENNICK, ..	Forestville, " " "
15.	" J. N. STIREWALT, ..	Stony Man, Page " "
16.	" M. L. FOX, ...	Sandy Creek, Randolph " N. C.
17.	" A. L. CROUSE, ..	Lexington, Lexington " S. C.
18.	" L. A. FOX, ...	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Virginia.

LAY DELEGATES.

A. L. Yount, ...	Rev. Smith's charge, Catawba Co., N. C.
A. M. Bowman, ...	Betklehem church, Augusta Co., Va.
Joshua Pence, ...	McGaheysville, Rockingham " "
Ezra Armentrout, ...	Trinity church, " " "
Andrew Sillings, ...	St. Paul " Augusta " "
J. R. Nauman, ...	St. William church, Page " "
George Lohr, ...	Kipp's S. H., Shenandoah " "
Gideon Foltz, ...	St. Paul church, Page " "

Siram P. Henkel,	.. ..	Rader's church, Rockingham Co., Va.
Dr. C. C. Henkel,	.. ..	Emanuel " Shenandoah " "
G. F. Miller,	.. ..	Trinity " Shenandoah " "
Wm. Filtzmoyer,	.. ..	Pine " " " "
J. M. Zirkel,	.. ..	Solomon church " " "
Jacob R. Miller,	.. ..	St. Paul, " " " "
J. C. Printz,	.. ..	Mt. Calvary church, Page Co., Va.

The President read his Annual Report which was received and referred to the proper Committee:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

MUCH ESTEEMED BRETHREN,

It becomes us, first of all, to offer our thanks to the Head of the Church, for the numberless mercies we have enjoyed at His hands during another year. He has given us a disposition, as well as an opportunity, to serve Him in the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments, as the means of grace. Although we may be painfully conscious of our own weakness and deficiency, yet He consoles us with the assurance that our efforts shall not be in vain in the Lord.

Through the kind providence of our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to pass through another year in the enjoyment of the blessed privileges of the Gospel Dispensation, as well as of the blessings of the physical world, with another opportunity to greet each other in Synodical Convention. The lives of our ministers have been spared, and, as watchmen, we are still upon the walls of Zion. In view of these blessings, our deepest gratitude is due to Him. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Little has transpired during the past year requiring special official report. There have been no letters of dismission granted, nor applications for admission received. In pursuance of a resolution passed at the last meeting of our Synod, I issued the following orders on the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund:—An order for $75, in favor of R. A. Yoder; one, in favor of J. Q. Deal, of $20. Both these were at school, at Hickory Station, N. C. And one, to J. C. Moser, of $50, at North Carolina College. There was an appropriation of $75 to J. S. Koiner at the University of Virginia. According to a verbal understanding in Synod, the Treasurers of our Congregations in Virginia were requested to pay to me the amounts in their hands, secured for beneficiary education, and, out of these funds, I was requested to furnish the amount appropriated to Mr. Koiner. My account will clearly present the matter.

According to the information I have, these young men have proved themselves, by their energy and studious habits and moral conduct, worthy of the confidence and encouragement of the Synod.

There are eight young men in connection with this Synod preparing for the ministry.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

The pastoral charge of our lamented bro. A. Efird has been supplied by Rev. A. L. Crouse with great acceptance. Other vacant points have been occasionally supplied by other ministers in our connection.

It would be productive, in my opinion, of great good to appoint a committee of one, annually, to present a regular report to the Synod of all vacant places deserving its attention. Important points have been lost to us for the want of a regular system in this respect.

CONDITION OF THE CHURCH.

Throughout our congregations, the past year has been one of peace and steady improvement. Whilst the members of the different congregations present a marked improvement in their zeal for the cause of Christ, the general attendance is worthy of commendation. There is not merely a name to live, but manifest evidences of life. There seems to be less disposition to cavil, and a greater desire to do good.

If our pastoral charges could be reduced to a less number of congregations, much more good could be accomplished, because our people could be more frequently brought under the salutary and sanctifying influences of the Gospel. But in order to do this, more ministers are required. We may be able in a few years to secure an adequate number by encouraging and perfecting our system of beneficiary education. We hope that Synod will make every effort to mature this system.

Whilst we have many difficulties to encounter and obstacles to surmount, in our efforts to maintain and perpetuate the doctrines and usages of the pure Church, we have much to encourage us. The prospects of the Evan. Luth. Church in this country, are certainly brightening. Almost everywhere the general tendency is towards the time-honored doctrines and

usages of the Church, and we hope the day is not far distant when all who profess her name, will live in the spirit of her doctrines.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

By the introduction of a judicious system of Home-missionary operations, new congregations might be established in various places within our limits. There are several points now demanding our most serious consideration. They are centers from which a wide-spread influence might be exerted. By a want of attention to such places, our natural and legitimate interests have been neglected. I would recommend that a committee be appointed to devise a proper plan for Home-missions, and report to the next annual meeting of this Synod, and that the ministers be requested to call the attention of their congregations to this matter.

Perhaps it would be well, if every congregation would introduce some plan of systematic benevolence, in order to secure the means to promote the legitimate enterprises of the Church.

SYNODICAL RELATIONS.

It may be necessary to take some action in regard to the union in process of formation between this Synod and the N. C. Synod. The action will be induced by the action of the N. C. Synod in this matter.

We presume that the committee appointed to correspond with the Holston Synod in reference to a closer relation, will be prepared to report.

CHURCH PAPER.

Steps are being taken to establish a suitable Church Paper in our midst. If any action on the part of our Synod is necessary to promote the enterprise, I would suggest that it be promptly taken.

HYMN BOOK AND LITURGY.

The committee appointed to consider this matter, will in the process of business, submit a report.

Here I would call the attention of Synod to the custom of installation, and recommend that some action be taken to make it more general among us.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

S. HENKEL.

Rev. L. A. Fox and Mr. A. L. Yount were appointed tellers to conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted in the choice of

REV. DR. A. J. FOX, ... *President.*
" L. A. FOX, ... *Recording Secretary.*
" S. HENKEL, ... *Corresponding Secretary.*
" J. S. BENNICK, ... *Treasurer.*

Papers addressed to Synod were presented.

Rev. J. A. Snyder, appeared as corresponding delegate from the Va. Synod.

Resolved, That we reciprocate the kindly feelings of the Va. Synod, expressed towards this Synod, by their delegate, Rev. J. A. Snyder.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

REV. PROF. J. I. MILLER, ... *Virginia Synod.*
REV. H. ST. J. RINKER, ... *Reformed (German.)*
J. P. STIREWALT, ... *Student of Theology.*
J. S. KOINER, ... *Student of Theology.*

The President announced the following annual committees:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Rev. L. A. Fox, Rev. I. Conder, and Mr. A. M. Bowman.

LETTERS.—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Rev. J. S. Bennick and Mr. Wm. Filzmoyer.

PETITIONS.—Rev. I. Conder, Rev. T. Crouse, and Mr. A. L. Yount.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, and Messrs. Geo. Lohr, and S. P. Henkel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Rev. J. S. Bennick, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, and Mr. Gideon Foltz.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Rev. J. S. Bennick.

ORDINATION.—Rev. L. A. Fox, Rev. I. Conder.

VACANCIES.—Rev. L. A. Fox.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. T. Moser.

Synod adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. I. Conder.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by the Secretary. Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. L. A. Fox presented a paper on

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Parochial reports are intended to exhibit the condition of the Church in the pastoral districts represented. To be complete, they must show as far as possible all gains and losses, not only in numbers, but also in work and contributions to churchly purposes. The table of this Synod is very unsatisfactory in several particulars, and has afforded her enemies seemingly good grounds to reproach her. Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five, three ministers and two laymen, be appointed to prepare another table, providing for a fuller exhibit, to report to our next annual convention.

It was adopted. Revs. S. Henkel, I. Conder and L. A. Fox, and Messrs. C. C. Henkel and A. M. Bowman were appointed.

Committee on Petitions presented their report.

REPORT ON PETITIONS.

We, your committee, have examined the papers put in our hands, and find the following demanding your attention:

1. Is a letter from Bethlehem, Augusta Co., Va., in which our attention is called to the importance of supporting the institutions of learning in our midst belonging to other Synods. 2. They state that the Church Book of the General Council has been in use in this congregation for several years, and that they are well pleased with it.

We recommend that the paper be read before Synod.

No. 2. Is a letter from the South Lexington charge in S. C., in which they express satisfaction with the services of Rev. A. L. Crouse.

No. 3. Is a petition from St. Paul's (S. C.) praying for the next meeting of this Synod to convene in that church.

Respectfully submitted.

I. CONDER,
T. CROUSE.

The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and the letter from Bethlehem was read.

Resolved, That we recommend to all members of our congregations in Va., having daughters to educate, the Staunton Female Seminary under the control of Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, and to those in N. C. and S. C., the Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Within the past year no correspondence in writing was necessary, and in this direction I have nothing to report.

The Minutes of the Holston Synod were received. It held its Tenth Annual Meeting in St. Paul's church. The officers elected were: Rev. J. K. Hancher, Pres.; Rev. J. C. Barb, Sec. Their next meeting will be held in Emanuel's, Sulivan Co., Tenn., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Sept., 1872. Rev. J. C. Barb was appointed delegate to this meeting of our Synod. They were made to mourn the death of two aged ministers, Revs. Wm. Hancher and Jos. E. Bell. These Minutes show that they are at work.

The President of the N. C. Synod was in due time notified of the adoption of the "Basis of Union" by the last meeting of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. SMITH.

Accepted.

Rev. A. J. Fox offered the report of the committee to correspond with the Holston Synod, prefacing it with the remark, that the design of the correspondence was not intended to interfere with any relation that that Synod might sustain to any other body, but to establish a closer relation between the mother and daughter, than now exists. The report was adopted.

UNION WITH THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

The committee of correspondence with members of the E. L. Holston Synod in regard to a union of that Synod with this Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

We have had some correspondence with the President of that Synod, and from his letters learn that the Synod is likely to sever her connection with the Southern General Synod at her next convention, and that she is favorably disposed towards a union with this Synod, with the ultimate design of uniting with the General Council.

Your committee recommend that a delegate be appointed to attend the next meeting of the Holston Synod, and if possible make arrangements for the union of these two Synods in a joint Synod.

A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON.

Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, P. M.

Synod was called to order immediately upon the close of public worship. The order for the hour was the consideration of a paper on a higher standard of education. Rev. S. Henkel offered one as a substitute for the one originally proposed, which was adopted.

HIGHER STANDARD OF EDUCATION.

Whereas, Higher attainments, both in a literary and theological point of view, for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom, are desirable; and

Whereas, It would contribute very much to secure this object, if Synod would designate some degree of attainment in literature, as well as in theology, as a standard for those who desire to enter the ministry; be it

Resolved 1, That it is the sentiment of this Synod that, as far as circumstances will admit, all who desire to enter the ministry in connection with this Synod, should attain a sufficient degree of proficiency in literature, to enable them to graduate in a respectable school, college, or university, and in theology, to graduade in a theological seminary of commendable standing; of course we mean orthodox seminaries in connection with our Church.

2. That when circumstances will not admit of attaining this degree of proficiency, that respectable attainments in the branches usually taught in what is known as the Sophomore Class, will be required, or at least, a satisfactory examination, by this Synod, must be sustained.

3. That a committee of three be appointed to designate a course of studies in theology, for those who do not pursue their studies in a theological seminary, indicating the subjects on which such candidates will be examined, with a view to entering the ministry, and report the result of their efforts to the next annual meeting of this Synod.

The Synod appointed Revs. L. A. Fox, I. Conder and Dr. A. J. Fox as the committee.

The committee on Hymn Book offered a report which was adopted unanimously.

HYMN BOOK AND LITURGY.

We find that the editions of the Hymn Book and Liturgy are exhausted, and hence if these works are to be continued in use beyond the present editions, they must be revised and reprinted. This would require more expense, than we are prepared to meet at this time. Our calculation of the cost of publishing new editions have fully satisfied us, that the demand

for these works would not justify their publication at present. At least, we have not found any publisher willing to take the risk. Much as we may regret this, it is a fact, and we are reduced to the necessity of resorting to other similar works to supply our wants. We have no other alternative. We know the strong hold our Hymn Book and Liturgy have upon the affections of many of our people, and how desirable it would be to them to have new editions, but we must yield to the circumstances by which we are surrounded. To part with them is like parting with a loved friend.

It is necessary, therefore, to introduce similar works. By judicious management, this may be effected so gradually as to create no disturbance. By announcing the number of the hymn both in the old and new book, they may be used simultaneously without great inconvenience. We would advise this prudential and economical course where congregations are supplied with the old Hymn Book. The object is not to suspend the books now in use in our congregations, but to supply the demand as best we can.

After a careful and conscientious examination of different Hymn Books and Liturgies now in use, (among them the Book of Worship—a work of decided merit) we would, under the circumstances and in view of the highest considerations, recommend to congregations in need of hymn books or books containing the service of the Church, "The Church Book for the use of Evan. Lutheran Congregations. By authority of the General Council of the Evan. Lutheran Church in America." This book we regard as a work of the highest merit, strictly churchly in all its features.

The principles on which this was constituted were not the taste of any individual or committee, but the *consensus* of the Lutheran Church in its purest periods, in all countries. Great care and labor have been bestowed on this work, in order to attain the highest degree of perfection. We are assured on the highest authority, that it is in its final shape as far as it goes—the forms for Baptism, &c., (*Actes Ministeriales*) remain to be added. The work will not be changed—the forms will simply be appended to later editions. The work is equally as cheap as the Church Hymn Book. If any of our ministers should need a book containing the *Actes Ministeriales* before the later editions of the Church book are published, we refer them to the "Book of Forms by Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D.," published about fourteen years ago, and to the old Liturgy of the Penn. Synod.

S. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
A. COSTNER.

The committee on the President's Report made a report which was adopted.

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. The President refers to the fact that many congregations have been neglected, and some lost for the want of a better system in bringing them to the attention of Synod, and suggests the appointment annually of a committee of one to report the vacant congregations to the Synod.

We respectfully offer this resolution:

Resolved, That a committee composed of one minister, titled, On Vacant Congregations, be placed on the list of Standing Committees, whose duty it shall be during the year to inquire diligently into the number, location, and condition of vacant congregations, &c., of the places where Lutheran families reside without a minister, within our territory, and present a full report to the next annual convention of the Synod.

2. He recognizes the importance of a division of our pastoral charges.

Resolved, That this Synod is cognizant of the importance of a division of our pastoral districts, and, though it is impracticable now, that it keep the matter before the people so as fully to prepare them for it, so soon as the time shall have come to effect it.

3. He calls attention to the importance of home missions, and recommends the appointment of a committee to devise a plan for the successful prosecution of this part of the work of the Church.

Resolved, That while this Synod is not in a condition now to engage extensively in missionary operations—its whole attention being necessarily devoted to beneficiary education—yet as some time will be required to perfect a plan, it is highly important for it to take steps to prepare it, and that a committee, therefore, be appointed, composed of five, three ministers and two laymen, to devise a plan and report to our next annual convention.

4. He speaks of the necessity for Systematic Benevolence.

Resolved, That the attention of all our ministers and congregations be called to this matter, to the fact of the growing necessities of our Church, demanding greatly enlarged contributions, and that these wants can be met successfully only by some carefully selected system for taking collections; and we earnestly recommend that each pastor and his congregation at as early day as possible agree upon a system best suited to their own circumstances.

5. He alludes to the Church Paper under contemplation. No action is necesssary to be taken at this meeting.

6. He recommends that something be done to revive the ancient custom of installation.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and the congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

L. A. FOX,
I. CONDER,
A. M. BOWMAN.

Rev. L. A. Fox was appointed the committee On Vacancies.

Revs. S. Henkel, T. Moser, and J. R. Peterson, and Messrs. A. Koiner and A. Costner were announced as the committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported through its chairman, Rev. J. S. Bennick. During its consideration the following action was taken and answers given:

1. The committee to investigate and, if possible, to adjust the difficulties between Rev. C. Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation (Watauga) offered a report, but its adoption was deferred until report on Letters was received.

2. The Committee on Hymn Book reported.

3. Rev. T. Moser was not able to appear as delegate to the N. C. Synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson, the alternate, did attend. The Holston Synod had not met in the convention to which Rev. Dr. Fox was elected, but he intends to discharge the duty.

Rev. S. Henkel attended the meeting of the Va. Synod, and was cordially received.

4. The committee appointed to revise the constitution of the Beneficiary Association submitted a report, but it was not received. The committee was discharged, and Rev. S. Henkel and Mr. A. M. Bowman was appointed in their stead.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. H. St. J. Rinker.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. T. Crouse. Minutes of yesterday ware read and approved.

A committee to be called, On Leave of Absence, was made one of the annual committees. The President announced Revs. J. N. Stirewalt and J. S. Bennick as the committee for this convention.

The Treasurer submitted his report which was received and placed in the hands of the committee. (See Appendix A.)

The report of the delegate to the N. C. Synod was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING DELEGATE TO THE N. C. SYNOD.

Your delegate to the Synod of N. C. attended the convention of that Synod assembled at Organ church, on the 21st day of August, 1870, and was cordially received. These brethren are actively engaged in the Master's work. Most of the business transacted was of a local nature. The only thing done in which this Synod is directly interested was in regard to the contemplated union of this Synod with that in a joint body. The subject elicited much discussion, was fully ventilated and was disposed of by the adoption of resolutions referring the matter to the next convention of the Synod for further action. These resolutions were ordered to be forwarded by the Corresponding Secretary to the President of this Synod.

J. R. PETERSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Papers, submit the following:

No. 1. Is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson in which he states the reasons of his absence, and asks Synod to excuse his non-attendance. He prays that the Great Head of the Church may Himself preside over our deliberation. He says that he has performed the several duties imposed on him by Synod.

No. 2. Is a letter from Rev. N. Aldrich delegate from the N. C. Synod to this meeting of Synod. He regrets that he is unable to be with us. He assures us of the kind feelings of the N. C. Synod towards this Synod, and hopes that a delegate may be appointed to the next meeting of his Synod.

No. 3. Contains certain resolutions adopted by the N. C. Synod convened in Organ Church in reference to a union with this Synod.

We recommend that they be read in Synod.

No. 4. Is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz. He expresses an ardent desire to be with us in this meeting of Synod, but is unable. He says he cannot see what good a union with the N. C. Synod may subserve, but he sincerely believes that a union with the General Council is greatly to be desired. He says that a minority of the committee appointed to settle the difficulties between himself and members of the Mt. Pleasant congregation made a very hasty investigation of the case, and failed to adjust them, but by their course irritated the matter.

No. 5. Is a letter from Rev. T. Moser in which he says that owing to failures in crops nothing could be done in his charge for beneficiary education. He calls the attention of Synod to the importance of publishing a good sound Lutheran Church Paper.

No. 6. Is a letter from Rev. M. L. Fox containing the reasons of his absence and asks to be excused.

No. 7. Are letters from Revs. P. C. Henkel and J. R. Moser, bearing information of their operations in the West, and asking aid to publish the minutes of a Conference meeting.

We recommend that their letters be read in Synod.

J. S. BENNICK,
J. N. STIREWALT,
Wm. FILTZMOYER.

Adopted. Item 1. Rev. J. R. Peterson was not excused for absence.

Item 2. *Resolved*, That we are sorry that Rev. N. Aldrich is not able to be with us and unite in our deliberations, and that we heartily reciprocate the kindly greetings from his Synod.

Item 3. The resolutions were read, whereupon the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

UNION WITH THE N. C. SYNOD.

Resolved 1, That we heartily endorse the sentiment of the N. C. Synod, expressed in these resolutions, viz: "That a union of the two Synods in a Joint Synod is both practicable and desirable."

2. That we entirely approve the action of the N. C. Synod in reference to this union.

3. That this Synod is ready to meet the N. C. Synod in a joint convention at any time and place, and on any basis of lay representation that may be agreed upon by the Presidents of the Synods interested.

The following paper was adopted unanimously:

FOOT NOTES TO THE BASIS OF UNION.

Whereas, Information has reached this Synod that the notes that appeared in the Minutes of our last meeting in connection with the Basis of Union have been misunderstood; and,

Whereas, This Synod first unanimously adopted the articles of the Basis of Union in perfectly good faith and did not intend to make any change by the notes in the *matter* of the articles thus adopted—and thus stultify itself before the world—but only to *suggest a simpler statement* of the sentiment so as to suit it to the common mind, it being distinctly understood at the time of the adoption of the notes, that this Synod did not insist on the changes suggested; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That without the least hesitation this Synod hereby withdraws them, and denies having any design to effect any change in said articles.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary forward copies of these actions to the President of the N. C. Synod.

Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. I. Conder.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, P. M.

Synod was called to order at the conclusion of the sermon.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was under consideration.

Item 4. The report of the committee to investigate the difficulties of Rev. C. Moretz was read and adopted.

REV. C. MORETZ AND MT. PLEASANT CONGREGATION.

We, a part of the committee to investigate, and, if possible, adjust the difficulties existing between Rev. C. Moretz and members of the Mt. Pleasant church, Watauga Co., N. C., submit that we met the parties on Saturday the 3d day of August, 1872.

We held first an interview with the Rev. Moretz on the morning of that day at his own house; and in the afternoon of the same day we had an interview with his opponents at the church with a view to adjust the difficulties between them; but having failed in this, we had the parties face to face and heard from them a detailed statement of the origin and progress of their differences.

There was much crimination and recrimination, and we were wholly unable to reconcile the parties.

We did not understand it to be the intention of Synod in the appointment of the committee to bring the parties together for trial, and, even if it had been, we would not have felt ourselves authorized, in the absence of a majority of the committee, to proceed to trial.

We earnestly counseled the parties at variance to forbearance and to endeavor to adjust the difficulties between them, and we have some faint hope that our advice may be heeded by them.

Should we be disappointed in this, we are of the opinion that further efforts should be made to adjust these difficulties. And we recommend the appointment of another committee, such as Synod shall deem necessary, to bring the parties together for the purpose of reconciling them or judging between them.

J. M. SMITH,
J. R. PETERSON.

This resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three ministers be appointed with full ecclesiastical authority to investigate the difficulties between Rev. C. Moretz and the Mt. Pleasant congregation, to reconcile the parties if possible, or to arraign the Rev. Moretz for trial, to acquit or to suspend said Moretz as the facts in the case may demand.

The committee was constituted of Revs. J. M. Smith, T. Crouse, and T. Moser.

Item 6. Rev. M. L. Fox was excused. Item 7. Revs. Henkel's and Moser's letters were read, and Revs. S. Henkel and I. Conder were apppointed a committee to prepare a suitable reply. It was also

Resolved, That the President of Synod be authorized to issue letters of dismission as soon as officially notified that they have consummated the formation of the Synod.

The report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund was read and put into the hands of a committee to audit.

The excuses of absent brethren were again taken up. Revs. H. Goodman and T. Miller were excused. Revs. D. Efird and J. M. Smith were *not* excused.

The Secretary would call the attention of all the ministers to the following resolution:

Resolved, That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

Committee to audit the report of the Treasurer of Synod offered a report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee have examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correct.

We wish to make special mention of the fact that $19.84 remain in the hands of the former Treasurer, Rev. T. Miller.

J. N. STIREWALT,
SIRAM P. HENKEL,
GEORGE LOHR.

Elections were held for delegates to corresponding Synods, with the following results:

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.—Rev. L. A. Fox, Rev. S. Henkel, Alternate.
HOLSTON SYNOD, 1873.—Rev. J. M. Smith, Rev. T. Crouse, Alternate.
SYNOD OF N. C.—Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Rev. J. R. Peterson, Alternate.
PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.—Rev. S. Henkel, Rev. I. Conder, Alternate.

Time and Place of the next Convention: ZION, Lexington Co., S. C., was elected as the place of the next convention of this Synod, and THURSDAY before the THIRD SUNDAY in October, 1873, as the time.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse. Minutes were read and approved.

The committee on the report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund submitted a report. It was adopted.

We, your committee, appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Benificiary Fund have done so, and find it correct.

We have examined the report of Rev. S. Henkel, who by a special arrangement of Synod for the past year received and disbursed the funds collected in our congregations in the State of Va. We find it correct.

Forty-two dollars and fifty cents ($42.50) remain in the treasury.

J. N. STIREWALT,
J. S. BENNICK.

The committee appointed to revise the Constitution of the Beneficiary Association was discharged at their own request, the Synod having unanimously decided it inexpedient and deleterious to the enterprise to make any change in the law directing it.

REPLY TO REVS. P. C. HENKEL AND J. R. MOSER.

We, the committee appointed to reply to the communications of Revs. P. C. Henkel and J. R. Moser, of Missouri, to this Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, We learn from the communications of these brethren that the prospects for building up the Church in the West are favorable, and that these bretheren in connection with others have taken preliminary steps for the organization of an Ev. Luth. Synod in the State of Missouri; be it, therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we hail with pleasure this information.

2. That their efforts put forth for the organization of a Synod meet our approbation.

3. That, in order to aid them in publishing the proceedings of their conference, and their proposed Constitution in connection with their discussion of "Doctrinal thesis selected from the Symbols of the Ev. Luth. Church, showing the principal distinction between the Luth. Church and other ecclesiastical Communions," we request our ministers at once to bring the matter before their respective congregations and secure subscriptions to said work, which your committee presumes will cost fifteen cents per copy, and send the amount to Rev. P. C. Henkel or Rev. J. R Moser.

S. HENKEL,
I. CONDER.

A resolution of thanks for the hospitality extended to the members of this Synod by the people of Rader's church and vicinity was adopted.

Rev. S. Henkel offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the ministers report the *available* amounts contributed for beneficiary education by their respective congregations.

The statements were made after which it was

Resolved, 1. That an appropriation of $60 be made to J. Paul Stirewalt and that he continue his studies at the New Market Polytechnic Institute.

2. That an appropriation of $75.00 be made to A. L. Yount, and that he pursue his studies at N. C. College.

3. That an appropriation of $125.00 be made to R. A. Yoder, and that he continue at N. C. College.

4. That an appropriation of $50.00 be made to J. C. Moser, who is at N. C. College.*

5. That the President issue orders on the Treasurer of the B. F. for these amounts.

6. That the pastors collect from the treasurers of congregations the amounts in their hands secured for this purpose, and pay as soon as possible into the hands of the treasurer of the F., or of such agents as he may appoint.

The Synod ordered that five copies of the Minutes be sent to each minister of the Synod, two copies to each of the Synods in correspondence with this Synod, and one copy, each, to the General Council, General Conference, the General Synod in N. A. (Southern) and the General Synod of the U. S., and one copy to each of the papers to which they have been usually sent.

The Secretary was requested to forward an Abstract of the Minutes of this convention to the *Lutheran and Missionary.*

The price of the Minutes was fixed at 10 cents per copy.

Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Bennick.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

Synod assembled. Minutes were read and approved.

Whereas, It is desirable on the part of some of the ministers and congregations in connection with this Synod to have the Revised Constitution republished in the Minutes, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we give notice to our people that said Constitution will appear with the Minutes of our next convention, in 1873, if sufficient desire for it is manifested.

The names of the following young brethren were submitted and received as *Applicants for the Ministry:* M. L. Little, W. C. Holler.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox gave notice that he would introduce next year to the consideration of Synod the establishment of a Synodical Fund.

The business having been transacted, claiming the attention of this meeting of Synod, it adjourned to meet at the time and place elected.

The President closed the Synod with appropriate and impressive remarks and with Divine services.

Special mention should be made of the perfectly harmonious spirit of this meeting and of the energy and zeal manifested by every member. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

L. A. FOX, Secretary.

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*J. S. Koiner continues his studies at Va. University, but does not ask aid this year.—SEC.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

SATURDAY.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Luke 15:2.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Ps. 116:13.
Rev. S. Henkel, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Communion Address.
Rev. I. Conder, (at the stand) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Job 26:14.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Emanuel, New Market, - - - - - - - - Text, Luke 11:28.
Rev. L. A. Fox, Reformed, Timberville, - - - - - - - - - - Text, Acts 26:28.

MODNAY.

Rev. T. Crouse, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Mat. 6:24—34.

TUESDAY.

Rev. L. A. Fox, - Text, 1 Cor. 6:13.

WEDNESDAY.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Lev. 10:1—2.

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OFFICERS.

Rev. Dr. A. J. FOX, - President.
Rev. L. A. FOX, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Rec. Secretary.
Rev. S. HENKEL. - Cor. Secretary.
Rev. J. S. BENNICK, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Treasurer.

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TIME AND PLACE FOR HOLDING MEETING OF NEXT SYNOD:

THURSDAY, BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1873.

ZION, LEXINGTON COUNTY, S. C.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations	Communicants	Baptisms		Confirmations	Funerals	Number of Sunday Schools	Contributions for Minutes	To Beneficiary Fund
				Adults	Infants					
H. GOODMAN										
A. J. FOX	1838	7	1060	1	70	46	18	3	$ 12 75	$75 00
J. R. MOSER										
P. C. HENKEL										
J. R. PETERSON	1843	5	450	1	29	12	5	00	8 55	53 00
T. MOSER *	1844	5	250	0	19	3	4	1	3 00	
T. CROUSE	1845	7	480	7	21	8	9	3	5 55	15 00
S. HENKEL	1850	3	270	8	17	27	11	2	2 50	11 93
D. EFIRD †	1848	9	1025	1	43	27	11	7		26 32
A. L. CROUSE ‡	1871			1	30	18	4		6 00	
C. MORETZ §									1 20	
J. M. SMITH ‖	1856	7	1200	1	83	51	8	3		50 00
J. S. BENNICK	1866	6	590	11	38	55	14	1	6 50	66 03
J. N. STIREWALT	1871	2	345	5	20	22	12	0	1 38	7 09
M. L. FOX	1867	1	35	0	4	0	0	0		
I. CONDER ¶	1861	4	181	0	10	8	4	3	2 85	
L. A. FOX**	1864	1	75	7	8	7	4	1	2 00	10 00

* The failure in crops in his section forbade collections for Beneficiary Fund.

† The collection for beneficiary education is subject to the control of the Conference in S. C.

‡ Was associate pastor with Rev. Efird.

§ Report was made to Synod but by mistake failed to get into Secretary's hands.

‖ There was an error in last year's report. Instead of 1330 communicants it ought to have been 1130. There was a collection for beneficiary education, but not being stated in the report, the Secretary cannot give the exact amount.

¶ The amount contributed not being embraced in the report is now forgotten.

** Local enterprises, frescoing church and building a parsonage, so absorbed all the means of the congregation as to prevent it from doing more for beneficiary education.

(APPENDIX A.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. J. FOX,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Dr.

1871.		
Oct. 14	Received by contribution from congregations for 465 copies of the Minutes at 15 cents per copy,	$69 75
Nov. 15	Received of Grace Church for 15 copies at 15 cents per copy,	2 25
Dec. 25	Received of Sardis church for 10 copies at 15 cents per copy,	1 50
1872.		
Sept. 3	Refunded by Henkel & Calvert,	12
	Total,	$73 62

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1871.		
Oct. 14	Paid Henkel & Calvert for printing Minutes and for postage,	$45 00
"	Refunded to A. J. Fox money advanced to Mr. Paul for printing Basis of Union,	5 50
"	Paid J. M. Smith traveling expenses to meeting of Joint Committee,	4 50
"	To A. J. Fox, for " " " " "	4 50
"	To A. Costner, for " " " " "	2 50
"	To A. Conrad, for " " " " "	3 50
1872.		
Aug. 25	By balance on hand,	8 12
	Total,	$73 62

Rev. T. Miller, former Treasurer of Synod, in account with Synod, $19 84.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J FOX.

(APPENDIX B.)

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

A. COSTNER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Dr.

1871.		
Oct. 21.	To cash from Sardis church,	$ 3 00
Nov. 19.	" " Grace "	7 00
Dec. 16.	" " Salem "	11 75
1872.		
April 20.	To cash from St. Paul church,	10 50
"	" " St. Peter "	10 40
"	" " St. James "	9 75
"	" " Zion "	24 20
"	" " St. John "	4 50
"	" " Sharon "	6 00
"	" " St. Stephen "	10 55
April 22.	" " Daniels "	12 60
May 9.	Balance from Grace church,	25
July 15.	To cash from Trinity church,	2 35
Aug. 18.	" " Bethphage "	4 55
"	" " St. Mark "	5 00
"	" " Grace "	7 50
	To balance on hand from last settlement,	8 35
	Total,	$138 25

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1871.		
Dec. 16.	By cash to R. A. Yoder,	$37 00
1872.		
March 20.	By cash to J. C. Moser,	50 00
June 3.	By cash to R. A, Yoder,	32 25
Aug. 19.	Balance in my hands,	19 00
	Total,	$138 25

Humbly submitted,

A. COSTNER.

In addition, Rev. S. Henkel, as Agent, received from various congregations for beneficiary education $84.15, and paid out $62.00. Leaving a balance in his hands of $22.15.

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REV'DS. J. R. PETERSON and T. MOSER.

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REV. L. A. FOX.

COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL COURSE,
REV'DS. L. A. FOX, I CONDER, DR. A. J. FOX.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS,
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OF THE

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

THIS SYNOD met, in its Fifty-second Annual Convention, in Rader's church, Rockingham County, Va., on Saturday before the First Sunday in September, 1872. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt preached on Luke xv, 5.

FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, P. M. August 31, 1872.

Synod met for business, and was opened with appropriate devotional exercises by the President, Rev. S. Henkel. The Roll was called, and the certificates of Lay-members were presented.

CLERICAL REGISTER:

1.	REV. H. GOODMAN, ..	Statesville, Iredell County, N. C.
2.	" A. J. FOX, ..	Lincolnton, Lincoln " "
3.	" J. R. MOSER, ..	Gravelton, Wayne " Missouri.
4.	" P. C. HENKEL, ..	Gravelton, " " "
5.	" J. R. PETERSON, ..	Dallas, Gaston " N. C.
6.	" T. MOSER, ...	Coburn's Store, Union Co., "
7.	" T. CROUSE, ...	Sandy Creek, Randolph " "
8.	" S. HENKEL, ...	New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va.
	" D. EFIRD, ...	Pine Ridge, Lexington " S. C.
9.	" C. MORETZ, ...	Boone, Watauga County, N. C.
11.	" J. M. SMITH, ..	Newton, Catawba " "
12.	" I. CONDER, ...	McGaheysville, Rockingham Co., Va.
13.	" T. MILLER, ...	Saumsville, Shenandoah " "
14.	" J. S. BENNICK, ..	Forestville, " " "
15.	" J. N. STIREWALT, ..	Stony Man, Page " "
16.	" M. L. FOX, ...	Sandy Creek, Randolph " N. C.
17.	" A. L. CROUSE, ..	Lexington, Lexington " S. C.
18.	" L. A. FOX, ...	Waynesboro, Augusta Co., Virginia.

LAY DELEGATES.

A. L. Yount, ...	Rev. Smith's charge, Catawba Co., N. C.
A. M. Bowman, ...	Bethlehem church, Augusta Co., Va.
Joshua Pence, ...	McGaheysville, Rockingham " "
Ezra Armentrout, ...	Trinity church, " " "
Andrew Sillings, ...	St. Paul " Augusta " "
J. R. Nauman, ...	St. William church, Page " "
George Lohr, ...	Kipp's S. H., Shenandoah " "
Gideon Foltz, ...	St. Paul church, Page " "

Siram P. Henkel,	.. ..	Rader's church, Rockingham Co., Va.
Dr. C. C. Henkel,	.. ..	Emanuel " Shenandoah " "
G. F. Miller,	.. ..	Trinity " Shenandoah " "
Wm. Filtzmoyer,	.. ..	Pine " " " "
J. M. Zirkel,	.. ..	Solomon church " " "
Jacob R. Miller,	.. ..	St. Paul, " " " "
J. C. Printz,	.. ..	Mt. Calvary church, Page Co., Va.

The President read his Annual Report which was received and referred to the proper Committee:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Much Esteemed Brethren,

It becomes us, first of all, to offer our thanks to the Head of the Church, for the numberless mercies we have enjoyed at His hands during another year. He has given us a disposition, as well as an opportunity, to serve Him in the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments, as the means of grace. Although we may be painfully conscious of our own weakness and deficiency, yet He consoles us with the assurance that our efforts shall not be in vain in the Lord.

Through the kind providence of our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to pass through another year in the enjoyment of the blessed privileges of the Gospel Dispensation, as well as of the blessings of the physical world, with another opportunity to greet each other in Synodical Convention. The lives of our ministers have been spared, and, as watchmen, we are still upon the walls of Zion. In view of these blessings, our deepest gratitude is due to Him. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Little has transpired during the past year requiring special official report. There have been no letters of dismission granted, nor applications for admission received. In pursuance of a resolution passed at the last meeting of our Synod, I issued the following orders on the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund:—An order for $75, in favor of R. A. Yoder; one, in favor of J. Q. Deal, of $20. Both these were at school, at Hickory Station, N. C. And one, to J. C. Moser, of $50, at North Carolina College. There was an appropriation of $75 to J. S. Koiner at the University of Virginia. According to a verbal understanding in Synod, the Treasurers of our Congregations in Virginia were requested to pay to me the amounts in their hands, secured for beneficiary education, and, out of these funds, I was requested to furnish the amount appropriated to Mr. Koiner. My account will clearly present the matter.

According to the information I have, these young men have proved themselves, by their energy and studious habits and moral conduct, worthy of the confidence and encouragement of the Synod.

There are eight young men in connection with this Synod preparing for the ministry.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

The pastoral charge of our lamented bro. A. Efird has been supplied by Rev. A. L. Crouse with great acceptance. Other vacant points have been occasionally supplied by other ministers in our connection.

It would be productive, in my opinion, of great good to appoint a committee of one, annually, to present a regular report to the Synod of all vacant places deserving its attention. Important points have been lost to us for the want of a regular system in this respect.

CONDITION OF THE CHURCH.

Throughout our congregations, the past year has been one of peace and steady improvement. Whilst the members of the different congregations present a marked improvement in their zeal for the cause of Christ, the general attendance is worthy of commendation. There is not merely a name to live, but manifest evidences of life. There seems to be less disposition to cavil, and a greater desire to do good.

If our pastoral charges could be reduced to a less number of congregations, much more good could be accomplished, because our people could be more frequently brought under the salutary and sanctifying influences of the Gospel. But in order to do this, more ministers are required. We may be able in a few years to secure an adequate number by encouraging and perfecting our system of beneficiary education. We hope that Synod will make every effort to mature this system.

Whilst we have many difficulties to encounter and obstacles to surmount, in our efforts to maintain and perpetuate the doctrines and usages of the pure Church, we have much to encourage us. The prospects of the Evan. Luth. Church in this country, are certainly brightening. Almost everywhere the general tendency is towards the time-honored doctrines and

usages of the Church, and we hope the day is not far distant when all who profess her name, will live in the spirit of her doctrines.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

By the introduction of a judicious system of Home-missionary operations, new congregations might be established in various places within our limits. There are several points now demanding our most serious consideration. They are centers from which a wide-spread influence might be exerted. By a want of attention to such places, our natural and legitimate interests have been neglected. I would recommend that a committee be appointed to devise a proper plan for Home-missions, and report to the next annual meeting of this Synod, and that the ministers be requested to call the attention of their congregations to this matter.

Perhaps it would be well, if every congregation would introduce some plan of systematic benevolence, in order to secure the means to promote the legitimate enterprises of the Church.

SYNODICAL RELATIONS.

It may be necessary to take some action in regard to the union in process of formation between this Synod and the N. C. Synod. The action will be induced by the action of the N. C. Synod in this matter.

We presume that the committee appointed to correspond with the Holston Synod in reference to a closer relation, will be prepared to report.

CHURCH PAPER.

Steps are being taken to establish a suitable Church Paper in our midst. If any action on the part of our Synod is necessary to promote the enterprise, I would suggest that it be promptly taken.

HYMN BOOK AND LITURGY.

The committee appointed to consider this matter, will in the process of business, submit a report.

Here I would call the attention of Synod to the custom of installation, and recommend that some action be taken to make it more general among us.

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

S. HENKEL.

Rev. L. A. Fox and Mr. A. L. Yount were appointed tellers to conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted in the choice of

REV. DR. A. J. FOX, ... *President.*
" L. A. FOX, ... *Recording Secretary.*
" S. HENKEL, ... *Corresponding Secretary.*
" J. S. BENNICK, ... *Treasurer.*

Papers addressed to Synod were presented.

Rev. J. A. Snyder, appeared as corresponding delegate from the Va. Synod.

Resolved, That we reciprocate the kindly feelings of the Va. Synod, expressed towards this Synod, by their delegate, Rev. J. A. Snyder.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

REV. PROF. J. I. MILLER, ... *Virginia Synod.*
REV. H. ST. J. RINKER, ... *Reformed (German.)*
J. P. STIREWALT, ... *Student of Theology.*
J. S. KOINER, ... *Student of Theology.*

The President announced the following annual committees:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.—Rev. L. A. Fox, Rev. I. Conder, and Mr. A. M. Bowman.

LETTERS.—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Rev. J. S. Bennick and Mr. Wm. Filzmoyer.

PETITIONS.—Rev. I. Conder, Rev. T. Crouse, and Mr. A. L. Yount.

TREASURER'S REPORT.—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, and Messrs. Geo. Lohr, and S. P. Henkel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Rev. J. S. Bennick, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, and Mr. Gideon Foltz.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Rev. J. S. Bennick.

ORDINATION.—Rev. L. A. Fox, Rev. I. Conder.

VACANCIES.—Rev. L. A. Fox.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. T. Moser.

Synod adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. I. Conder.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by the Secretary. Minutes were read and approved.

Rev. L. A. Fox presented a paper on

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Parochial reports are intended to exhibit the condition of the Church in the pastoral districts represented. To be complete, they must show as far as possible all gains and losses, not only in numbers, but also in work and contributions to churchly purposes. The table of this Synod is very unsatisfactory in several particulars, and has afforded her enemies seemingly good grounds to reproach her. Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five, three ministers and two laymen, be appointed to prepare another table, providing for a fuller exhibit, to report to our next annual convention.

It was adopted. Revs. S. Henkel, I. Conder and L. A. Fox, and Messrs. C. C. Henkel and A. M. Bowman were appointed.

Committee on Petitions presented their report.

REPORT ON PETITIONS.

We, your committee, have examined the papers put in our hands, and find the following demanding your attention:

1. Is a letter from Bethlehem, Augusta Co., Va., in which our attention is called to the importance of supporting the institutions of learning in our midst belonging to other Synods.
2. They state that the Church Book of the General Council has been in use in this congregation for several years, and that they are well pleased with it.

We recommend that the paper be read before Synod.

No. 2. Is a letter from the South Lexington charge in S. C., in which they express satisfaction with the services of Rev. A. L. Crouse.

No. 3. Is a petition from St. Paul's (S. C.) praying for the next meeting of this Synod to convene in that church.

Respectfully submitted.

I. CONDER,
T. CROUSE.

The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and the letter from Bethlehem was read.

Resolved, That we recommend to all members of our congregations in Va., having daughters to educate, the Staunton Female Seminary under the control of Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, and to those in N. C. and S. C., the Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Within the past year no correspondence in writing was necessary, and in this direction I have nothing to report.

The Minutes of the Holston Synod were received. It held its Tenth Annual Meeting in St. Paul's church. The officers elected were: Rev. J. K. Hancher, Pres.; Rev. J. C. Barb, Sec. Their next meeting will be held in Emanuel's, Sulivan Co., Tenn., on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Sept., 1872. Rev. J. C. Barb was appointed delegate to this meeting of our Synod. They were made to mourn the death of two aged ministers, Revs. Wm. Hancher and Jos. E. Bell. These Minutes show that they are at work.

The President of the N. C. Synod was in due time notified of the adoption of the "Basis of Union" by the last meeting of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. SMITH.

Accepted.

Rev. A. J. Fox offered the report of the committee to correspond with the Holston Synod, prefacing it with the remark, that the design of the correspondence was not intended to interfere with any relation that that Synod might sustain to any other body, but to establish a closer relation between the mother and daughter, than now exists. The report was adopted.

UNION WITH THE HOLSTON SYNOD.

The committee of correspondence with members of the E. L. Holston Synod in regard to a union of that Synod with this Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

We have had some correspondence with the President of that Synod, and from his letters learn that the Synod is likely to sever her connection with the Southern General Synod at her next convention, and that she is favorably disposed towards a union with this Synod, with the ultimate design of uniting with the General Council.

Your committee recommend that a delegate be appointed to attend the next meeting of the Holston Synod, and if possible make arrangements for the union of these two Synods in a joint Synod.

A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON.

Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, P. M.

Synod was called to order immediately upon the close of public worship. The order for the hour was the consideration of a paper on a higher standard of education. Rev. S. Henkel offered one as a substitute for the one originally proposed, which was adopted.

HIGHER STANDARD OF EDUCATION.

Whereas, Higher attainments, both in a literary and theological point of view, for the upbuilding of the Redeemer's kingdom, are desirable; and

Whereas, It would contribute very much to secure this object, if Synod would designate some degree of attainment in literature, as well as in theology, as a standard for those who desire to enter the ministry; be it

Resolved 1, That it is the sentiment of this Synod that, as far as circumstances will admit, all who desire to enter the ministry in connection with this Synod, should attain a sufficient degree of proficiency in literature, to enable them to graduate in a respectable school, college, or university, and in theology, to graduade in a theological seminary of commendable standing; of course we mean orthodox seminaries in connection with our Church.

2. That when circumstances will not admit of attaining this degree of proficiency, that respectable attainments in the branches usually taught in what is known as the Sophomore Class, will be required, or at least, a satisfactory examination, by this Synod, must be sustained.

3. That a committee of three be appointed to designate a course of studies in theology, for those who do not pursue their studies in a theological seminary, indicating the subjects on which such candidates will be examined, with a view to entering the ministry, and report the result of their efforts to the next annual meeting of this Synod.

The Synod appointed Revs. L. A. Fox, I. Conder and Dr. A. J. Fox as the committee.

The committee on Hymn Book offered a report which was adopted unanimously.

HYMN BOOK AND LITURGY.

We find that the editions of the Hymn Book and Liturgy are exhausted, and hence if these works are to be continued in use beyond the present editions, they must be revised and reprinted. This would require more expense, than we are prepared to meet at this time. Our calculation of the cost of publishing new editions have fully satisfied us, that the demand

for these works would not justify their publication at present. At least, we have not found any publisher willing to take the risk. Much as we may regret this, it is a fact, and we are reduced to the necessity of resorting to other similar works to supply our wants. We have no other alternative. We know the strong hold our Hymn Book and Liturgy have upon the affections of many of our people, and how desirable it would be to them to have new editions, but we must yield to the circumstances by which we are surrounded. To part with them is like parting with a loved friend.

It is necessary, therefore, to introduce similar works. By judicious management, this may be effected so gradually as to create no disturbance. By announcing the number of the hymn both in the old and new book, they may be used simultaneously without great inconvenience. We would advise this prudential and economical course where congregations are supplied with the old Hymn Book. The object is not to suspend the books now in use in our congregations, but to supply the demand as best we can.

After a careful and conscientious examination of different Hymn Books and Liturgies now in use, (among them the Book of Worship—a work of decided merit) we would, under the circumstances and in view of the highest considerations, recommend to congregations in need of hymn books or books containing the service of the Church, "The Church Book for the use of Evan. Lutheran Congregations. By authority of the General Council of the Evan. Lutheran Church in America." This book we regard as a work of the highest merit, strictly churchly in all its features.

The principles on which this was constituted were not the taste of any individual or committee, but the *consensus* of the Lutheran Church in its purest periods, in all countries. Great care and labor have been bestowed on this work, in order to attain the highest degree of perfection. We are assured on the highest authority, that it is in its final shape as far as it goes—the forms for Baptism, &c., (*Actes Ministeriales*) remain to be added. The work will not be changed—the forms will simply be appended to later editions. The work is equally as cheap as the Church Hymn Book. If any of our ministers should need a book containing the *Actes Ministeriales* before the later editions of the Church book are published, we refer them to the "Book of Forms by Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D.," published about fourteen years ago, and to the old Liturgy of the Penn. Synod.

S. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
A. COSTNER.

The committee on the President's Report made a report which was adopted.

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. The President refers to the fact that many congregations have been neglected, and some lost for the want of a better system in bringing them to the attention of Synod, and suggests the appointment annually of a committee of one to report the vacant congregations to the Synod.

We respectfully offer this resolution:

Resolved, That a committee composed of one minister, titled, On Vacant Congregations, be placed on the list of Standing Committees, whose duty it shall be during the year to inquire diligently into the number, location, and condition of vacant congregations, &c., of the places where Lutheran families reside without a minister, within our territory, and present a full report to the next annual convention of the Synod.

2. He recognizes the importance of a division of our pastoral charges.

Resolved, That this Synod is cognizant of the importance of a division of our pastoral districts, and, though it is impracticable now, that it keep the matter before the people so as fully to prepare them for it, so soon as the time shall have come to effect it.

3. He calls attention to the importance of home missions, and recommends the appointment of a committee to devise a plan for the successful prosecution of this part of the work of the Church.

Resolved, That while this Synod is not in a condition now to engage extensively in missionary operations—its whole attention being necessarily devoted to beneficiary education—yet as some time will be required to perfect a plan, it is highly important for it to take steps to prepare it, and that a committee, therefore, be appointed, composed of five, three ministers and two laymen, to devise a plan and report to our next annual convention.

4. He speaks of the necessity for Systematic Benevolence.

Resolved, That the attention of all our ministers and congregations be called to this matter, to the fact of the growing necessities of our Church, demanding greatly enlarged contributions, and that these wants can be met successfully only by some carefully selected system for taking collections; and we earnestly recommend that each pastor and his congregation at as early day as possible agree upon a system best suited to their own circumstances.

5. He alludes to the Church Paper under contemplation. No action is necesssary to be taken at this meeting.

6. He recommends that something be done to revive the ancient custom of installation.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the President, with the consent of the pastor elect and the congregation, to appoint a committee of installation, in all succeeding changes in the pastoral relations in our Synod, to perform this ceremony.

L. A. FOX,
I. CONDER,
A. M. BOWMAN.

Rev. L. A. Fox was appointed the committee On Vacancies.

Revs. S. Henkel, T. Moser, and J. R. Peterson, and Messrs. A. Koiner and A. Costner were announced as the committee on Home Missions.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported through its chairman, Rev. J. S. Bennick. During its consideration the following action was taken and answers given:

1. The committee to investigate and, if possible, to adjust the difficulties between Rev. C. Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation (Watauga) offered a report, but its adoption was deferred until report on Letters was received.

2. The Committee on Hymn Book reported.

3. Rev. T. Moser was not able to appear as delegate to the N. C. Synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson, the alternate, did attend. The Holston Synod had not met in the convention to which Rev. Dr. Fox was elected, but he intends to discharge the duty.

Rev. S. Henkel attended the meeting of the Va. Synod, and was cordially received.

4. The committee appointed to revise the constitution of the Beneficiary Association submitted a report, but it was not received. The committee was discharged, and Rev. S. Henkel and Mr. A. M. Bowman was appointed in their stead.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. H. St. J. Rinker.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. T. Crouse. Minutes of yesterday ware read and approved.

A committee to be called, On Leave of Absence, was made one of the annual committees. The President announced Revs. J. N. Stirewalt and J. S. Bennick as the committee for this convention.

The Treasurer submitted his report which was received and placed in the hands of the committee. (See Appendix A.)

The report of the delegate to the N. C. Synod was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING DELEGATE TO THE N. C. SYNOD.

Your delegate to the Synod of N. C. attended the convention of that Synod assembled at Organ church, on the 21st day of August, 1870, and was cordially received. These brethren are actively engaged in the Master's work. Most of the business transacted was of a local nature. The only thing done in which this Synod is directly interested was in regard to the contemplated union of this Synod with that in a joint body. The subject elicited much discussion, was fully ventilated and was disposed of by the adoption of resolutions referring the matter to the next convention of the Synod for further action. These resolutions were ordered to be forwarded by the Corresponding Secretary to the President of this Synod.

J. R. PETERSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS.

We, your Committee on Letters and Papers, submit the following:

No. 1. Is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson in which he states the reasons of his absence, and asks Synod to excuse his non-attendance. He prays that the Great Head of the Church may Himself preside over our deliberation. He says that he has performed the several duties imposed on him by Synod.

No. 2. Is a letter from Rev. N. Aldrich delegate from the N. C. Synod to this meeting of Synod. He regrets that he is unable to be with us. He assures us of the kind feelings of the N. C. Synod towards this Synod, and hopes that a delegate may be appointed to the next meeting of his Synod.

No. 3. Contains certain resolutions adopted by the N. C. Synod convened in Organ Church in reference to a union with this Synod.

We recommend that they be read in Synod.

No. 4. Is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz. He expresses an ardent desire to be with us in this meeting of Synod, but is unable. He says he cannot see what good a union with the N. C. Synod may subserve, but he sincerely believes that a union with the General Council is greatly to be desired. He says that a minority of the committee appointed to settle the difficulties between himself and members of the Mt. Pleasant congregation made a very hasty investigation of the case, and failed to adjust them, but by their course irritated the matter.

No. 5. Is a letter from Rev. T. Moser in which he says that owing to failures in crops nothing could be done in his charge for beneficiary education. He calls the attention of Synod to the importance of publishing a good sound Lutheran Church Paper.

No. 6. Is a letter from Rev. M. L. Fox containing the reasons of his absence and asks to be excused.

No. 7. Are letters from Revs. P. C. Henkel and J. R. Moser, bearing information of their operations in the West, and asking aid to publish the minutes of a Conference meeting.

We recommend that their letters be read in Synod.

J. S. BENNICK,
J. N. STIREWALT,
WM. FILTZMOYER.

Adopted. Item 1. Rev. J. R. Peterson was not excused for absence.

Item 2. *Resolved*, That we are sorry that Rev. N. Aldrich is not able to be with us and unite in our deliberations, and that we heartily reciprocate the kindly greetings from his Synod.

Item 3. The resolutions were read, whereupon the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

UNION WITH THE N. C. SYNOD.

Resolved 1, That we heartily endorse the sentiment of the N. C. Synod, expressed in these resolutions, viz: "That a union of the two Synods in a Joint Synod is both practicable and desirable."

2. That we entirely approve the action of the N. C. Synod in reference to this union.

3. That this Synod is ready to meet the N. C. Synod in a joint convention at any time and place, and on any basis of lay representation that may be agreed upon by the Presidents of the Synods interested.

The following paper was adopted unanimously:

FOOT NOTES TO THE BASIS OF UNION.

Whereas, Information has reached this Synod that the notes that appeared in the Minutes of our last meeting in connection with the Basis of Union have been misunderstood; and,

Whereas, This Synod first unanimously adopted the articles of the Basis of Union in perfectly good faith and did not intend to make any change by the notes in the *matter* of the articles thus adopted—and thus stultify itself before the world—but only to *suggest a simpler statement* of the sentiment so as to suit it to the common mind, it being distinctly understood at the time of the adoption of the notes, that this Synod did not insist on the changes suggested; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That without the least hesitation this Synod hereby withdraws them, and denies having any design to effect any change in said articles.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary forward copies of these actions to the President of the N. C. Synod.

Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. I. Conder.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, P. M.

Synod was called to order at the conclusion of the sermon.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was under consideration.

Item 4. The report of the committee to investigate the difficulties of Rev. C. Moretz was read and adopted.

REV. C. MORETZ AND MT. PLEASANT CONGREGATION.

We, a part of the committee to investigate, and, if possible, adjust the difficulties existing between Rev. C. Moretz and members of the Mt. Pleasant church, Watauga Co., N. C., submit that we met the parties on Saturday the 3d day of August, 1872.

We held first an interview with the Rev. Moretz on the morning of that day at his own house; and in the afternoon of the same day we had an interview with his opponents at the church with a view to adjust the difficulties between them; but having failed in this, we had the parties face to face and heard from them a detailed statement of the origin and progress of their differences.

There was much crimination and recrimination, and we were wholly unable to reconcile the parties.

We did not understand it to be the intention of Synod in the appointment of the committee to bring the parties together for trial, and, even if it had been, we would not have felt ourselves authorized, in the absence of a majority of the committee, to proceed to trial.

We earnestly counseled the parties at variance to forbearance and to endeavor to adjust the difficulties between them, and we have some faint hope that our advice may be heeded by them.

Should we be disappointed in this, we are of the opinion that further efforts should be made to adjust these difficulties. And we recommend the appointment of another committee, such as Synod shall deem necessary, to bring the parties together for the purpose of reconciling them or judging between them.

J. M. SMITH,
J. R. PETERSON.

This resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three ministers be appointed with full ecclesiastical authority to investigate the difficulties between Rev. C. Moretz and the Mt. Pleasant congregation, to reconcile the parties if possible, or to arraign the Rev. Moretz for trial, to acquit or to suspend said Moretz as the facts in the case may demand.

The committee was constituted of Revs. J. M. Smith, T. Crouse, and T. Moser.

Item 6. Rev. M. L. Fox was excused. Item 7. Revs. Henkel's and Moser's letters were read, and Revs. S. Henkel and I. Conder were apppointed a committee to prepare a suitable reply. It was also

Resolved, That the President of Synod be authorized to issue letters of dismission as soon as officially notified that they have consummated the formation of the Synod.

The report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund was read and put into the hands of a committee to audit.

The excuses of absent brethren were again taken up. Revs. H. Goodman and T. Miller were excused. Revs. D. Efird and J. M. Smith were *not* excused.

The Secretary would call the attention of all the ministers to the following resolution:

Resolved, That no minister be excused who does not sufficiently respect Synod as to send directly to it the reasons for his absence.

Committee to audit the report of the Treasurer of Synod offered a report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your committee have examined the Treasurer's Report and find it correct.

We wish to make special mention of the fact that $19.84 remain in the hands of the former Treasurer, Rev. T. Miller.

J. N. STIREWALT,
SIRAM P. HENKEL,
GEORGE LOHR.

Elections were held for delegates to corresponding Synods, with the following results:

DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.—Rev. L. A. Fox, Rev. S. Henkel, Alternate.
HOLSTON SYNOD, 1873.—Rev. J. M. Smith, Rev. T. Crouse, Alternate.
SYNOD OF N. C.—Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Rev. J. R. Peterson, Alternate.
PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.—Rev. S. Henkel, Rev. I. Conder, Alternate.

Time and Place of the next Convention: ZION, Lexington Co., S. C., was elected as the place of the next convention of this Synod, and THURSDAY before the THIRD SUNDAY in October, 1873, as the time.

Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

Synod convened. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse. Minutes were read and approved.

The committee on the report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund submitted a report. It was adopted.

We, your committee, appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Benificiary Fund have done so, and find it correct.

We have examined the report of Rev. S. Henkel, who by a special arrangement of Synod for the past year received and disbursed the funds collected in our congregations in the State of Va. We find it correct.

Forty-two dollars and fifty cents ($42.50) remain in the treasury.

J. N. STIREWALT,
J. S. BENNICK.

The committee appointed to revise the Constitution of the Beneficiary Association was discharged at their own request, the Synod having unanimously decided it inexpedient and deleterious to the enterprise to make any change in the law directing it.

REPLY TO REVS. P. C. HENKEL AND J. R. MOSER.

We, the committee appointed to reply to the communications of Revs. P. C. Henkel and J. R. Moser, of Missouri, to this Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, We learn from the communications of these brethren that the prospects for building up the Church in the West are favorable, and that these bretheren in connection with others have taken preliminary steps for the organization of an Ev. Luth. Synod in the State of Missouri; be it, therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we hail with pleasure this information.

2. That their efforts put forth for the organization of a Synod meet our approbation.

3. That, in order to aid them in publishing the proceedings of their conference, and their proposed Constitution in connection with their discussion of "Doctrinal thesis selected from the Symbols of the Ev. Luth. Church, showing the principal distinction between the Luth. Church and other ecclesiastical Communions," we request our ministers at once to bring the matter before their respective congregations and secure subscriptions to said work, which your committee presumes will cost fifteen cents per copy, and send the amount to Rev. P. C. Henkel or Rev. J. R Moser.

S. HENKEL,
I. CONDER.

A resolution of thanks for the hospitality extended to the members of this Synod by the people of Rader's church and vicinity was adopted.

Rev. S. Henkel offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That the ministers report the *available* amounts contributed for beneficiary education by their respective congregations.

The statements were made after which it was

Resolved, 1. That an appropriation of $60 be made to J. Paul Stirewalt and that he continue his studies at the New Market Polytechnic Institute.

2. That an appropriation of $75.00 be made to A. L. Yount, and that he pursue his studies at N. C. College.

3. That an appropriation of $125.00 be made to R. A. Yoder, and that he continue at N. C. College.

4. That an appropriation of $50.00 be made to J. C. Moser, who is at N. C. College.*

5. That the President issue orders on the Treasurer of the B. F. for these amounts.

6. That the pastors collect from the treasurers of congregations the amounts in their hands secured for this purpose, and pay as soon as possible into the hands of the treasurer of the F., or of such agents as he may appoint.

The Synod ordered that five copies of the Minutes be sent to each minister of the Synod, two copies to each of the Synods in correspondence with this Synod, and one copy, each, to the General Council, General Conference, the General Synod in N. A. (Southern) and the General Synod of the U. S., and one copy to each of the papers to which they have been usually sent.

The Secretary was requested to forward an Abstract of the Minutes of this convention to the *Lutheran and Missionary.*

The price of the Minutes was fixed at 10 cents per copy.

Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. S. Bennick.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, P. M.

Synod assembled. Minutes were read and approved.

Whereas, It is desirable on the part of some of the ministers and congregations in connection with this Synod to have the Revised Constitution republished in the Minutes, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we give notice to our people that said Constitution will appear with the Minutes of our next convention, in 1873, if sufficient desire for it is manifested.

The names of the following young brethren were submitted and received as *Applicants for the Ministry:* M. L. Little, W. C. Holler.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox gave notice that he would introduce next year to the consideration of Synod the establishment of a Synodical Fund.

The business having been transacted, claiming the attention of this meeting of Synod, it adjourned to meet at the time and place elected.

The President closed the Synod with appropriate and impressive remarks and with Divine services.

Special mention should be made of the perfectly harmonious spirit of this meeting and of the energy and zeal manifested by every member. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

L. A. FOX, Secretary.

*J. S. Koiner continues his studies at Va. University, but does not ask aid this year.—SEC.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

SATURDAY.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Luke 15:2.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Ps. 116:13.
Rev. S. Henkel, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Communion Address.
Rev. I. Conder, (at the stand) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Job 26:14.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Emanuel, New Market, - - - - - - - - Text, Luke 11:28.
Rev. L. A. Fox, Reformed, Timberville, - - - - - - - - - - Text, Acts 26:28.

MODNAY.

Rev. T. Crouse, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Mat. 6:24—34.

TUESDAY.

Rev. L. A. Fox, - Text, 1 Cor. 6:13.

WEDNESDAY.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Text, Lev. 10:1—2.

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OFFICERS.

Rev. Dr. A. J. FOX, - President.
Rev. L. A. FOX, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Rec. Secretary.
Rev. S. HENKEL, - Cor. Secretary.
Rev. J. S. BENNICK, - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Treasurer.

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TIME AND PLACE FOR HOLDING MEETING OF NEXT SYNOD:

THURSDAY, BEFORE THE THIRD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1873.

ZION, LEXINGTON COUNTY, S. C.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations	Communicants	Baptisms		Confirmations	Funerals	Number of Sunday Schools	Contributions for Minutes	To Beneficiary Fund
				Adults	Infants					
H. GOODMAN										
A. J. FOX	1838	7	1060	1	70	46	18	3	$ 12 75	$75 00
J. R. MOSER										
P. C. HENKEL										
J. R. PETERSON	1843	5	450	1	29	12	5	00	8 55	53 00
T. MOSER *	1844	5	250	0	19	3	4	1	3 00	
T. CROUSE	1845	7	480	7	21	8	9	3	5 55	15 00
S. HENKEL	1850	3	270	8	17	27	11	2	2 50	11 93
D. EFIRD †	1848	9	1025	1	43	27	11	7		26 32
A. L. CROUSE ‡	1871			1	30	18	4		6 00	
C. MORETZ §									1 20	
J. M. SMITH ‖	1856	7	1200	1	83	51	8	3		50 00
J. S. BENNICK	1866	6	590	11	38	55	14	1	6 50	66 03
J. N. STIREWALT	1871	2	345	5	20	22	12	0	1 38	7 09
M. L. FOX	1867	1	35	0	4	0	0	0		
I. CONDER ¶	1861	4	181	0	10	8	4	3	2 85	
L. A. FOX**	1864	1	75	7	8	7	4	1	2 00	10 00

* The failure in crops in his section forbade collections for Beneficiary Fund.

† The collection for beneficiary education is subject to the control of the Conference in S. C.

‡ Was associate pastor with Rev. Efird.

§ Report was made to Synod but by mistake failed to get into Secretary's hands.

‖ There was an error in last year's report. Instead of 1330 communicants it ought to have been 1130. There was a collection for beneficiary education, but not being stated in the report, the Secretary cannot give the exact amount.

¶ The amount contributed not being embraced in the report is now forgotten.

** Local enterprises, frescoing church and building a parsonage, so absorbed all the means of the congregation as to prevent it from doing more for beneficiary education.

(APPENDIX A.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. J. FOX,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Dr.

1871.		
Oct. 14	Received by contribution from congregations for 465 copies of the Minutes at 15 cents per copy,	$69 75
Nov. 15	Received of Grace Church for 15 copies at 15 cents per copy,	2 25
Dec. 25	Received of Sardis church for 10 copies at 15 cents per copy,	1 50
1872.		
Sept. 3	Refunded by Henkel & Calvert,	12
	Total,	$73 62

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1871.		
Oct. 14	Paid Henkel & Calvert for printing Minutes and for postage,	$45 00
"	Refunded to A. J. Fox money advanced to Mr. Paul for printing Basis of Union,	5 50
"	Paid J. M. Smith traveling expenses to meeting of Joint Committee,	4 50
"	To A. J. Fox, for " " " " "	4 50
"	To A. Costner, for " " " " "	2 50
"	To A. Conrad, for " " " " "	3 50
1872.		
Aug. 25	By balance on hand,	8 12
	Total,	$73 62

Rev. T. Miller, former Treasurer of Synod, in account with Synod, $19 84.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J FOX.

(APPENDIX B.)

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

A. COSTNER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD

Dr.

1871.		
Oct. 21.	To cash from Sardis church,	$ 3 00
Nov. 19.	" " Grace "	7 00
Dec. 16.	" " Salem "	11 75
1872.		
April 20.	To cash from St. Paul church,	10 50
"	" " St. Peter "	10 40
"	" " St. James "	9 75
"	" " Zion "	24 20
"	" " St. John "	4 50
"	" " Sharon "	6 00
"	" " St. Stephen "	10 55
April 22.	" " Daniels "	12 60
May 9.	Balance from Grace church,	25
July 15.	To cash from Trinity church,	2 35
Aug. 18.	" " Bethphage "	4 55
"	" " St. Mark "	5 00
"	" " Grace "	7 50
	To balance on hand from last settlement,	8 35
	Total,	$138 25

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1871.		
Dec. 16.	By cash to R. A. Yoder,	$37 00
1872.		
March 20.	By cash to J. C. Moser,	50 00
June 3.	By cash to R. A, Yoder,	32 25
Aug. 19.	Balance in my hands,	19 00
	Total,	$138 25

Humbly submitted,

A. COSTNER.

In addition, Rev. S. Henkel, as Agent, received from various congregations for beneficiary education $84.15, and paid out $62.00. Leaving a balance in his hands of $22.15.

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RECORDING SECRETARY—Rev. L. A. FOX, Waynesboro, Va.
CORRESPONDING SEC'Y—Rev. S. HENKEL, New Market, Va.
TREASURER—Rev. J. S. BENNICK, Forestville, Va.

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A. COSTNER, ESQ., Lincolnton, N. C.

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REV'DS. J. R. PETERSON and T. MOSER.

COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES,
REV. L. A. FOX.

COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL COURSE,
REV'DS. L. A. FOX, I CONDER, DR. A. J. FOX.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS,
REV'DS. S. HENKEL, T. MOSER, J. R. PETERSON,
MESSRS. A. KOINER, A. COSTNER.

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MINUTES AND CONSTITUTION

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Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod,

1873.

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OF THE

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OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

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PRESIDENT,.....REV. J. M. SMITH,
REC. SECRETARY,...REV. J. R. PETERSON,
CORRES. SECRETARY,.....REV. L. A. FOX,
TREASURER,.....REV. J. N. STIREWALT.

The Evangelical Lutheran TENNESSEE SYNOD will meet, (D. V.) in PILGRIM CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C., on THURSDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER, 1874.

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TRANSACTIONS

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FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVAN. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

THE Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod held its Fifty-third Annual Meeting, in Zion Church, Lexington County, S. C., beginning on Thursday, the 16th day of October, 1873. The First Session was opened, as usual, with suitable religious exercises, by the President. The Roll of Ministers was called, and the Certificates of Lay Delegates were presented:

NAME AND POST OFFICE OF EACH MINISTER:

1	REV. H. GOODMAN,	STATESVILLE, N. C.,
2	" A. J. FOX,	NEWTON, "
3	" J. R. MOSER,	GRAVELTON, MISSOURI,
4	" P. C. HENKEL,	" "
5	" J. R. PETERSON,	DALLAS, N. C.
6	" T. MOSER,	MT. PLEASANT, N. C.
7	" T. CROUSE,	SANDY CREEK, "
8	" S. HENKEL,	NEW MARKET, VA.
9	" D. EFIRD.	PINE RIDGE, S. C.
10	" C. MORETZ,	BOONE, N. C.
11	" J. M. SMITH,	NEWTON, N. C.
12	" I. CONDER,	MCGAHEYSVILLE, VA.
13	" T. MILLER,	EDINBURG, VA.
14	" J. S. BENNICK,	FORESTVILLE, VA.
15	" J. N. STIREWALT,	STONY MAN, "
16	" M. L. FOX,	SANDY CREEK, N. C.
17	" A. L. CROUSE,	SUMMIT, S. C.
18	" L. A. FOX,	WAYNESBORO', VA.
19	" J. C. MOSER,	CHINA GROVE, N. C.
20	" M. L. LITTLE,	SEAGLE'S STORE, N. C.

NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES, AND OF CHURCHES REPRESENTED:

N. KLECKLEY,	Zion's Church, N. C.
JESSE SOX,	Emanuel's Church, N. C.
H. M. GROSS,	St. Peter's Church, N. C.
G. J. HOOK,	St Paul's " "
M. W. SHEALY,	Cedar Grove church, N. C.
W. A. LORICK,	Bethlehem " "
M. J. HARKEY,	Rev. T. Moser's charge, N. C.
LEWIS LENEBARGER,	Lutheran Chapel, "
C. J. PETERSON,	Christ's church, "
JOS. K. RHYNE,	Philadelphia church, "
M. LITTLE, ALONZO LUTZ,	Rev. A. J. Fox's charge, N. C.
D. L. CROUSE,	Pilgrim's and Cobb's churches, N. C.
	Melancthon's, N. Jerusalem, N. C.
G. H. SCHWARTZ,	St. Jacob's church, S. C.
LUTHER MAYER,	St John's " "
R. W. FRICK,	St. Peter's (Pineywoods) church, S. C.
S. P. DRAFTS,	St. James " "
J. C. MOSER,	Mt. Moriah church, S. C.

Rev. D. M. Henkel was received as the Corresponding Delegate of the N. C. Synod.

The President's Annual Report was read and received and referred to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:

Another most eventful Synodical year has passed, during which as individuals and as a Synod, we have had many things to embarrass, perplex and even discourage us. And also very many things to cheer, strengthen and encourage us in the many arduous duties of our labor of love. On the one hand our enemies and the enemies of the pure doctrines and wholesome usages of our much beloved Church, have continued their opposition with unabated energy and zeal. On the other hand our friends and the friends of the Church, have most earnestly and faithfully stood up and defended the right. In a few instances and with a few individuals there has been some little misunderstanding and disaffection among the members and people of this Synod, yet it is truly gratifying that very little injury has been done.

For the last few weeks there has been, within the bounds of our Synod, quite an unusual amount of sickness. But yet in the providence of God comparatively few deaths have occurred among our members. And we have special reasons for being truly thankful to our Heavenly Father that none of our ministers have become victims of death. Although we are not all here, it has pleased God to permit us to remain an unbroken band of laborers in His vineyard.

All during the year have been more or less engaged in their Master's work

for the conversion of souls. It is a source of no little gratification to know that with very little there is sufficient harmony of sentiment and unanimity of purpose among the brethren to secure a continuance of that peace and good will, which has for the last several years been so signally characteristic of annual conventions of Synod. And there is much to induce us to believe that the little which prevents perfect unanimity and concord in our midst is the result of misapprehension and misconception and not selfish and malicious motives, and I most earnestly pray God that during the convention here assembled all our ministers and lay-delegates may be able to see eye to eye and act in perfect harmony in all our deliberations and transactions.

As your presiding officer during the past year, it becomes me to render an account of the little I have found it necessary officially to do, since the rising of our last convention. To state such historical facts as I am in possession of—and also to submit a few recommendations, and make such suggestions as in my judgment the interests and wants of our Synod require you to consider and act upon.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

It has not been necessary, during the interim of Synod, for me to perform many strictly official acts. Some time early in last November, I received a letter from Rev. A. L. Crouse, informing me that he had beeen elected pastor of the South Lexington charge, in Lexington County, S. C., and requesting me to appoint a Committee to install him in his charge. Accordingly I appointed, and immediately notified, Revds. D. Efird and T. Crouse, that, on the——day of———, in connection with myself, as President of Synod, we would meet and perform the duty. But on account of bodily indisposition, and a very inclement state of the weather, I found it so inconvenient that I myself declined going. I, however, some time afterwards, learned that, for some reason, brother Efird failed also to attend the appointment, but that Rev. T. Crouse was in attendance and performed the duty assigned the Committee; but, on some account, he has thus far failed to officially notify me of the same.

In order to relieve myself of some portion of my very extensive pastoral duty, some time about the first of last January I authorized bro. M. L. Little, one of our students of theology, whom I regarded as having made sufficient attainments in literature and theology, to perform the duties of preaching, baptizing and catechising in four of the congregations of my pastorate, and am truly happy to be able to inform you that he has very satisfactorily and successfully discharged the duties assigned him, and I take great pleasure in commending him to your most favorable notice.

Some time last December, in compliance with the request of the congregation at Luther Chapel made through its pastor, Rev. J. R. Peterson, in connection with Rev. N. Aldrick of Charlotte, I assisted in laying the corner-stone of a large new Church at that place.

On the 27th day of September last, in compliance with the request of Rev. J. M. Smith, I preached a dedication sermon in a large new house of worship at St. Peters, Catawba Co., N. C., and assisted in its consecration.

OUR BENEFICIARIES.

There are at this time only two beneficiaries upon the funds of the Synod—

R. A. Yoder and A. L. Yount. These young men are successfully prosecuting their literary studies in N. C. College, and are hopeful that by close application they may complete the sophomore year in that most excellent institution of learning by the end of the present scholastic year, and it will devo've upon Synod, at its present convention, to make such appropriations as will enable them to continue that long at least.

Two of our former beneficiaries are not in school, and one last year declined asking any aid for the time being, hoping to be able to prosecute his subsequent course with his own private means; however he may again ask assistance, and in that case it will be necessary to afford him requisite aid.

Bro. J. C. Moser, as I learn from the public prints, graduated with first honors of his class at the last annual commencement of N. C. College, and is now engaged in conducting a school at China Grove, N. C., and is preaching at Mt. Moriah and other Churches of our Synod.

I learn also that Bro. J. Paul Stirewalt has left school, and is engaged in preaching in Virginia.

It will be necessary at this session of the Synod to take some action in regard to these young brethren, either to make some appropriate provisions to enable them to prosecute their Theological studies, or so arrange things as to enable them to enter at once upon the discharge of such ministerial duties as are contemplated in our beneficiary regulations.

In this connection I desire to say that our rules for conducting our beneficiary affairs are exceedingly defective, insufficient and unequal in their provisions.—They mention no standard of the extent of education we propose to give our beneficiaries; nor the amount of money we propose to expend upon each of them; and yet we require all who receive any assistance to labor within our bounds for ten years, regardless of the difference in the amount expended upon different individuals. I would therefore recommend that a suitable committee be appointed to consider this matter and propose the necessary amendments, during this convention of Synod.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

I am sorry to have to record the death of Bro. W. H. Holler, whose name appeared last year upon the face of our minutes. He was one of the most talented, faithful, highly respected and promising young men in Catawba High School, at the time of his death which occurred on the 12th day of last April, in his 21st year.

Permit me in this connection to introduce to your notice the name of bro. Pinckney Cline, a student in Catawba High School, and recommend that his name be placed upon our minutes as a candidate for the ministry.

MISSIONARY ENTERPRISES.

It seems to me that it is time to revive this very necessary mode of extending our borders. There are at least three very important points just around my present location where flourishing congregations might very soon be built up if they could only have a little assistance from Synod, and which, if they continue to be neglected as they always have been, will in no very great while be entirely lost to us. What renders these points the more important to us is that they are all in towns, and two of them County seats.

PASTORATES.

Inasmuch as nearly all our pastoral charges are very large, embracing several, and, in some, many congregations; and inasmuch as our ministerial ranks are now steadily filling up, very soon we will have the men to enable us, to a considerable extent, at least, to diminish the number of congregations in many charges by dividing them into a greater number of charges; I therefore respectfully recommend that a committee of five, three ministers and two intelligent lay-men be appointed to consider this matter, and devise and submit to the next convention of Synod a plan by which our large pastorates can be so divided as to enable our ministers better to perform their duty to their respective flocks, and by which all our congregations may be better supplied with more frequent preaching and other services.

OUR CHURCH PAPER.

Permit me dear brethren to congratulate you upon the success of this very useful and very laudable enterprise, and recommend that such action may be taken as will afford it as much aid and encouragement as it is possible for this Synod to bestow upon it. The spirit and ability with which it is conducted are not only gratifying to those who conceived and projected the plan by which it was brought into being, but are also very honorable to its editors and the Synods in whose interests it is mainly conducted.

ENDOWMENT OF PROFESSORSHIP.

As this matter has been brought before the public through the columns of Our Church Paper, I deem it of so much importance as to demand our most serious attention, and to enable us at as early a period as possible, to do something in that direction, I recommend that a committee of two of our most influential ministers be appointed to confer with the proper authorities in the N. C. Synod in regard to their willingness to permit us to endow one or more professorships in their College, and if their consent is obtained in the matter, to bring the subject in a formal manner before the next annual meeting of this Synod.

UNION OF SYNODS.

This important matter for sometime so prominently before the Synod has been interrupted by several causes, and in some respects seems to present rather a gloomy aspect at present; nevertheless, I regard it of sufficient interest to merit, at least a brief notice in this paper.

The prospect of union with the several Synods in North America has failed, I think never to be revived. And I regard any action at this, in reference to a union with the General Council as premature, injudicious and unwise. For such is the condition of the church in our midst and around us, that we should first unite congenial elements at home, and then look to a union with a general body, and present indications seem to point to an ultimate union with the General Council.

Whether prudent or imprudent, our daughter, the E. L. Holston Synod, has the matter of a speedy union with the General Council under consideration, and therefore there is no prospect at this time for any kind of union between that Synod and this.

The action of our Mother Synod, the E. L. Synod of N. C., at her last conven-

tion, postponing all action in regard to union with all other ecclesiastical bodies for five years would seem to have put that matter to rest for that time at least. Nevertheless, I am sure that instead of the spirit of union being repressed in the minds of many of the members of that venerable body, it has been intensified.—This is evident from the many bold and manly effusions which appear from time to time in OUR CHURCH PAPER and from private letters in my possession. The measure when adopted was a mere compromise, and is capable of being reconsidered at any annual meeting of that Synod within the period of postponement.—The idea of a joint Synod in the minds of these brethren 'tis true, has been abandoned, and the idea of consolidation has taken its place, and they are now most earnestly at work to speedily consummate the matter and it is most confidently believed that a decided majority are favoring the project.

I learn from a private yet most reliable source, that the friends of union in that Synod most anxiously desire our co-operation with them in this matter, and also that they are looking with intense interest to the action of this Synod in regard to union. The matter has been before us and still remains undisposed of and we are under the necessity of taking some action in reference to it, and as things now stand, it seems to me that the true line of duty with us is to do all we can to aid and encourage our friends in the N. C. Synod in this work of love; for I do regard that much, very much of the future prosperity of the true Lutheranism in North Carolina depends upon this contemplated union.

I therefore most respectfully recommend that a committee of three of our ministers be appointed to confer with the corresponding delegate from that Synod in regard to this matter, and if possible agree upon some safe and uniform plan by which this very desirable end can be most speedily effected, and report to this meeting of Synod.

There are several other things of importance that might be presented in this report, but they may be brought up in some other way, and, this paper being already very lengthy, must close. And now, dear brethren, I return the Chair which you so generously placed in my possession at our last annual convention, with many thanks for the confidence reposed in me, and your very kind indulgence,—to him whom you may select as my successor, and pray God that he may discharge the duties of this responsible position with greater ability than I have been able to do, and may God bless you in all your deliberations and transactions.

A. J. FOX,
President of the E. L. Tenn. Synod.

The annual election for officers of Synod resulted as follows:

Rev. J. M. SMITH,	PRESIDENT,
" J. R. PETERSON,	REC. SECRETARY,
" L. A. FOX,	COR. SECRETARY,
" J. N. STIREWALT,	TREASURER.

Communications intended for Synod were presented.

Upon motion Synod adjourned until after public worship.

During recess the retiring President preached the Synodical sermon from Eph. 4: 3.

TUURSDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod resumed business. Rev. D. Efird and Messrs. Luther Mayer and R. W. Erick now appeared and took seats as members of Synod.

The President announced the following committees:

1 On Unfinished Business.—Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, A. L. Crouse and Mr. D. L. Crouse.

2. On Letters and Petitions.—Rev. A L. Crouse and Messrs. M. L. Little and C. J Peterson.

3. On State of the Church.—Revs. A. J. Fox and J. M. Smith.

4. On President's Report.—Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, L. A. Fox and Mr. Lewis Linebarger.

5. On Examination.—Revs. M. L. Fox, L. A. Fox, and A. J. Fox.

6. On Treasurer's Report.—Revs. J. R. Peterson, H. Goodman and Mr. W. A. Lorick.

7. On Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.—Mr. M. L. Little, Rev. D. Efird and Mr. Jesse Roof.

8. On Vacancies.—Rev. L. A. Fox.

9. On Leave of Absence.—Revs. H. Goodman and L. A. Fox.

The following Reports were read and adopted.

Report of Delegate to the Virginia Synod.

Your Delegate to the Virginia Synod had the pleasure of discharging his duty. He was most cordially received and was deligh ed to mark the evidences of a rapidly increasing adhesion to the confessions of the Church. Fully satisfied that the cause of true Lutheranism suffers greatly because of old prejudices, and that these exist because of the lack of more frequent and unreserved intercourse between the members of our Synod and the ministers of that Synod, your delegate took occasion to call attention to the importance of such intercourse. There are good grounds for hoping that before many years this Synod and the Va. Synod will be fully agreed both as to doctrine and practice. Delegates were appointed to our present convention.

The next convention will be held at Mt. Jackson, commencing on Thursday before full moon in August, 1873. L. A. FOX.

REPORT ON VACANCIES.

Your committee has not succeeded in obtaining that amount of information that he hoped and ought to have obtained. In response to repeated appeals through Our Church Paper, he received one letter only. We have reason to complain of the indifference manifested in this important matter.

The Virginia Spec'al Conference is doing all within its power, to supply destitute points within its bounds. There is a number of Lutheran families in Pendleton and adjoining counties in West Virginia. If we had a

traveling missionary, then several pastoral charges could be organized in a short while that would in a few years become self-sustaining. There are a few families living at Brock's Gap. There are some families in Page County not within the reach of any of the organized congregations. There was a time when a church could have been organized at Luray, but your committee has not been able to learn what the prospects are now.

If there are any points in S. C., properly belonging to our Synod, your committee has not learned of them.

In N. C., there are some organized congregations now vacant. St. Martin's in Iredell, having a membership of 120, and Friendship having 200 members are either entirely vacant or are only temporarily supplied.—Layle's Church in Burke county and Philadelphia in Caldwell county having each a membership of about 25 are vacant Phanuel's in Rowan county is also vacant. There are three important towns asking our attention. Linconlton has now 13 Lutherans residing in town; Hickory, a rapidly growing town in Catawba county has 30; Newton has 21. Many of our congregations are poorly supplied. Some of our charges are large enough for three pastors. Our congregations cannot prosper as they ought, and all our enterprises languish because of imperfect ministrations.

Rev. J R. Moser, writes that there are about twenty places west of the Mississippi that have been heard from, at which there are prospects of organizing congregations. This does not properly belong to our body, but is matter of rejoicing to us that our members scattered through the west are having something done to supply them with means of grace.

Your committee regrets this meager report, yet he comforts himself with the fact that this is the first year of the existence of such committee and hopes that his successors may be more successful in collecting facts.

L. A. FOX.

REPORT ON COURSE OF THEOLOGY.

Your committee recommend the following course of theology for private students:

Horne's Introduction, Hutter's Compend, Book of Concord, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Knapp's Christian Theology, Mann's Schmidt's Christian Ethics, Kurtz's Sacred History, Kurtz's Church History, Ripley's Sacred Rhetoric, Vinet's Homiletics, Vinet's Pastoral Theology. Instruction must be given in Exegesis, Catechetics, Liturgics and Eclesiastical Polity.

It is presumed that every minister who undertakes to give instructions, will be able to point out and guard his students against such things in any of the books given above that is un-Lutheran. The most objectionable one has important features not found elsewhere.

Your committee recommend that special attention be given to the study of the New Testament in Greek, and when the minister is able to teach Hebrew, to the study of the Old Testament in Hebrew.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX,
A. J. FOX.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Owing to our limited means of information your committee are unable to present as satisfactory report as we desire. We believe, however, that with some exceptions the congregations in our connection enjoy an encouraging degree of prosperity. The ministers have been earnestly engaged in the work assigned them, and the means of grace have been faithfully dispensed, and, as the result of these labors, considerable accessions have been made to the membership of many congregations. There has been an increased activity in the work of the church. The cause of beneficiary education is commending itself warmly to the attention of our people, and we indulge the hope that the day is not far distant when we shall be able more fully to meet the increasing demands for ministerial labor.—As a further indication of prosperty, many of the old, illy constructed and uncomfortable houses of worship are giving way to others more neat, more comfortable and more Churchly. But there is still much room for improvement. The pastoral charges are generally too large and the pastor's stipend too small. Some if not most of the ministers of this Synod are under the necessity of engaging in secular employments in order to procure the means of subsistence for their families, thereby depriving the church of the benefits which would result from a more undivided attention to their appropriate work on the part of her pastors.

To enable future committees on the State of the Church to prepare more satisfactory reports we recommend the following for adoption by Synod:

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send to each annual meeting of the Synod a written report of the condition of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. PETERSON,
T. MOSER.

Upon motion Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. D. M. Henkel.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

Rev. M. L. Fox and Mr. N. Kleckley, lay-delegates appeared and took their seats as members of Synod.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the committee appointed by last Synod to prepare a new parochial table for the future use of Synod, not proving satisfactory was rejected and the following form was adopted:

Names of Ministers. Congregations, Communicants. *Additions:*—by Confirmation, Adult Baptism, Letters, Infant Baptism. *Losses:*—by Death, Removal, Expulsion. *Sunday Schools:*—Number of Schools, Scholars, Teachers. *Contributions:—General*—Synodical Fund, Beneficiary Education, Home Missions, Foreign Missions; *Local*—Current Expenses, other objects.

Report of the Corresponding Delegate to the North Carolina Synod.

It affords me great pleasure to report to this Synod, that I attended the last annual meeting of the E. L. Synod of N. C., and was cordially received by most of the members of that Synod. These brethren are very actively and earnestly engaged in their Master's work. They take great interest in missions, beneficiary education, and education in general. They manifest great zeal in building elegant houses of worship. Their institutions of learning at Mt. Pleasant, N. C., from reports read before Synod, seem to be in a healthy and prosperous condition, and if these brethren were fully united in all their views and enterprises they would be able to accomplish much for the Church. But it is evident that in some things there is considerable difference of opinion, and in none more than in the project of union with some other ecclesiatical body.

Early in the session a preamble and resolution were offered proposing to carry back that Synod into the General Synod in North America, which resulted in the adoption of what I regard as a mere compromise measure between the friends of that movement and the friends of a union with this Synod, which postpones all union movements for the next five years. But instead of putting the matter to rest as it was supposed by some that it would do, it only aroused the friends of union with our Synod to greater diligence in their efforts for union with us.

My professional engagements at home compelled me to leave before the end of the meeting. I left with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret, pleased with the energy and zeal manifested by these brethren for the promotion of true Lutheranism in the South, but pained to know that there is division of sentiment in regard to some things among them which if persisted in may eventuate in much harm. I pray God that these difficulties may soon be overcome and that the consolidation of the two Synods may be effected as early as the friends of the measure in the N. C. Synod may desire.

Rev. D. M. Henkel was elected corresponding delegate to this Synod, and I think that this interchange of delegates should by all means be continued until the desired union can be effected.

A. J. FOX.

The committee on Letters and Petitions submitted a report which was received and acted upon by items.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to submit the following report:

No 1 is a letter from Rev. I. Conder, rendering as an excuse for his absence, his being engaged in teaching a graded school, and in which he also states that he is highly favorable to an endowment of Professorships in N. C. College.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz in which he stated as his excuse for absence, his want of time and money and begs to be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. T. Crouse, by which he informs Synod that he is preparing to remove from his home in Randolph county to the Davidson charge, and assigns this as his reason for absence from Synod.

No. 4 is a latter from Rev. S. Henkel, in which he assigns as the cause of his absence from Synod, the press of business in consequence of his connection with OUR CHURCH PAPER as managing editor. He also calls the attention of Synod to the endowment of Professorships in some Lutheran College or to the establishment of one of our own.

No. 5 is a letter from the Board of Trustees of N. C. College in which we find the following resolution.

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three members of the Board, of which the President shall be chairman, be appointed to confer with the Tennessee Synod to know upon what terms it will unite in the endowment of this College."

No. 6 is a petition from St. Martin's Church, Iredell county, in which the petitioners express their satisfaction with the services of father Goodman, and after stating his resignation pray for the services of some other pastor.

No. 7 is a petition from St. James Church, Summit, Lexington County, S. C., praying for admission into the Tennessee Synod, and attachment to the Southern Lexington charge under the pastoral care of Rev. A L. Crouse.

No. 8 is a petition from Bethphage Church, Lincoln, N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of Mr. M. L. Little to become their pastor.

No. 9 is a petition from Trinity Church, Lincoln N. C., of similar import with the last.

Nos. 10, 11 and 12 are letters from Pine Church, Shenandoah, Va., Rader's Church, Rockingham, Va., and St. Paul's Church, Shenandoah, Va., praying for the examination and ordination of Mr. J. P. Stirewalt to the office of pastor.

No. 13 is a petition from Trinity Church, Lincoln, Co., N. C., asking this Synod to hold its next annual convention in that Church.

No. 14 is a petition from Pilgrim's Church, Davidson county, also asking for the next Synod.

No. 15 is a petition from St. Peter's Church, Lexington county, S. C., asking Synod to speak authoritatively in reference to a Hymn Book.

No. 16 is a petition from Mt. Moriah Church, Rowan county, N. C.,

praying for the examination and ordination of Mr. J. C. Moser and also for his services as pastor.

Your committee recommend brother Moser to the favorable notice of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
M. L. LITTLE,
C. J. PETERSON.

Item 1 of the above report; Rev. Conder was excused. Consideration of item 2, was postponed. Items 3 and 4; the absence from this meeting of Revs. Crouse and Henkel was excused. Item 5 was postponed for future consideration. Item 6 required no action from this body. In answer to No. 7 it was *Resolved*, That St. James Church, Summit, S. C., be received in connection with this Synod, and that S. P. Draft take a seat in this meeting as delegate of that congregation. Mr. Little declining to receive ordination, in reference to items 8 and 9 it was *Resolved*, That Mr. M. L. Little be examined with a view to *licensure*. In answer to items 10, 11 and 12 it was *Resolved*, that the Virginia Special Conference be hereby constituted a committee to examine Mr J. P. Stirewalt, as to his qualifications for the office of pastor, and if found qualified to ordain him to that office. Items 13 and 14, were postponed for future consideration. Action upon item 15 was postponed until to-morrow immediately after sermon.

Item 16, Mr. Moser having declined ordination it was *Resolved*, That he be examined with a view to *licensure*.

The above report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned until after public worship. Sermon by Rev. D. M. Henkel. Text, Gal. 5 : 1.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met and resumed business.

It was *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns it shall stand adjourned to meet again at Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, N. C., and commence on Thursday before the 1st Sunday of Oct. 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The committee on the report of Treasurer of beneficiary fund made a report, which was receieved.

REPORT.

We, your committee appointed to examine the report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund, have done so and find it correct.

We have also examined the report of Rev. S. Henkel, who by a special arrangement with the Treasurer received and disbursed the money collected in our churches in Virginia. We find the report correct. Five Dollars and fifty-one cents ($5 51) remain in the Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. LITTLE,
D. EFIRD,
N. KLECKLEY.

The committee on the President's report submitted the following:

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The committee on the President's report submitted the following:

1st. The President calls the attention of Synod to the defective and unequal provisions of our present beneficiary operations, and recommends that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and propose the necessary amendments.

We, your committee offer the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved, That three ministers be appointed as recommended by the President, and be required to report to the present convention.

2d. He r commends that the name of Mr. P. Cline be placed upon our minutes as a student of theology.

Your committee sustains the recommendation.

3d. He recommends a redistricting of our pastoral charges.

Resolved, That the ministers composing the Conferences in each State be constituted committees to redistrict the charges in their State and report to the next annual convention of Synod.

4th. He calls the attention of Synod to the importance of endowing one or more professorships in N. C. College.

Resolved, That while we are duly impressed with the importance of this matter, yet on account of the undetermined relation that the N. C. and Tenn. Synods still sustain to each other, no action can be taken at this convention of Synod.

5th. The President calls the attention of Synod to the importance of taking some step by which to secure a consolidation of the N. C. and Tenn. Synods.

Resolved, That with the facts before us concerning the action of the N. C. Synod, in its last convention relative to the union of the two Synods, we stand ready to meet the N. C. Synod in joint convention at any time and place, with such lay-delegation as may be agreed upon by the Presidents of the two Synods for the purpose of considering and effecting a consolidation of the two Synods.

J. N STIREWALT,
L. A. FOX,
L. LINEBARGER.

The report was received and considered by items.

1. The first resolution was adopted, and the following committee was appointed:

Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, L. A. Fox and A. J. Fox. 2. The second resolution was adopted and the name of Mr. P. Cline was received under care of Synod, as a student of theology. Mr. D. L. Crouse was also received. The 3, 4 and 5 resolutions were adopted The report was then adopted as a whole.

The committee on unfinished business presented the following:

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The committee on unfinished business have examined the minutes of last Synod and find as follows:

1. Page 4th, A committee on Parochial Reports.
2. Page 5th, A committee appointed on course of theology.
3. Page 9th, A committee invested with full ecclesiastical authority to investigate difficulties between Rev. C. Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation, to reconcile the parties if possible, or to arraign the Rev. C. Moretz for trial—to acquit or suspend said Moretz as the facts in the case may demand.

Have those committees discharged the duties assigned them?

J. N. STIREWALT,
A. L. CROUSE,
D. L. CROUSE.

Report was received and acted upon by items.

Items 1 and 2, subjects already disposed of.

Item 3. The committee in the matter of difficulty between Rev. Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation, not having attended to the duty assigned them was continued, with the substitution of the name of Rev. J. R. Peterson instead of Rev. T. Moser, and the addition of Messrs. A. G. Corpening and Frederick Smith to it.

Upon motion Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Fox.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer, by Rev. T. Mo er.

Roll was called. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Rev. T. Moser, and Mr. J. C. Moser lay-delegate, having arrived, took seats in Synod.

The following is the report of the committee on change in the constitution, regulating beneficiary operations.

REPORT ON BENEFICIARY OPERATIONS.

We, your committee recommend the following rule be appended to the constitution, regulating our beneficiary operations.

If any young man receives less than $500 from Synod, he may be released from his obligation to labor for the Synod as soon as he refunds the amount he has received from Synod. This rule must not, however, be so construed as to give a maximum of appropriations.

J. N. STIREWALT,
L. A. FOX,
A. J. FOX.

Report, on rule regulating Beneficiary operations, adopted.

Rev. C. Seen of the M. E. C. South, being present, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The following in reference to OUR CHURCH PAPER, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we hail with much pleasure, the appearance of OUR CHURCH PAPER, a religious journal published at New Market, Va. The respectability of its appearance, the ability with which it is conducted and the soundness of the doctrines and practices which it inculcates are just what we think they ought to be; and we therefore regard it our duty, as far as possible, to encourage its circulation among the people of our congregations, and that we exert ourselves to introduce it into every family of our connection.

Item 2 in report on Letters and Petitions was considered and Rev. Moretz was excused, for his absence from this meeting.

In reference to item 5th of same report it was *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary furnish the Board of Trustees of N. C. College a certified copy of the answer to their letter.

Upon motion it was *Resolved*, That the Constitution and By-Laws of this Synod, be appended to the minutes of this convention provided the money in hands of Treasurer be sufficient to pay expenses.

SYNODICAL FUND.

Resolved, That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the members of this congregation, and the people of this vicinity, for the kindness with which they have received us, and the generous hospitality they have extended to us during our stay among them, and that the President read this resolution publicly before the congregation on Sunday next, accompanied with some remarks, at the commencement of the second service.

Parochial reports were read.

Synod adjourned until after sermon. Sermon by Rev. T. Moser. Text, Eph. 2: 1– 7.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod resumed business.

The 15th item in report on Letters and Petitions was now considered, and the following preamble and resolution were adopted.

Inasmuch, as this Synod, at her last annual convention did recommend the Church Book of the General Council as a Hymn Book for future use in our congregations, and inasmuch as there is a petition now before this

Synod from St. Peter Church, Lexington county, S. C., asking us to speak authoritatively upon the subject of the Hymn Book. Be it therefore *Resolved*, That the Synod in her action upon this subject has spoken with all the authority she possesses, and therefore the petitioners are referred to the action upon this subject last year.

In answer to an inquiry by a member of Synod as to the proper course to be pursued in admitting members to full communion with the Church by confirmation, it was *Resolved*, That the preamble and resolution adopted by this Synod on this subject, in the convention of 1866, be hereby reaffirmed, and that they be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion Synod adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

SUNDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The exercises of public worship were introduced by Rev. J. R. Peterson, with an Introit, Hymn, Scripture Lesson and Prayer. Rev. Rev. L. A. Fox preached from John 10: 11, and was succeeded by Rev. J. M. Smith, who preached from Luke 14: 17. The Holy Supper was administered to the members of Synod, with the congregation.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The members of Synod assembled and the session was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

Roll was called. The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

The report of committee on Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

The committee on Treasurer's report have examined that document and find it correct.

J. R. PETERSON,
H. GOODMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

Your committee on examination have carefully examined brethren M. L. Little and J. C. Moser, with a view to their licensure to the office of the ministry of the gospel, and regard them as possessing the requisite qualifications, and recommend that they receive license according to the regulations of this Synod, until its next annual convention.

M. L. FOX,
A. J. FOX,
L. A. FOX.

Adopted.

Messrs. J. F. Moser and A. B. Efird were received as beneficiaries upon the funds of Synod.

The following appropriations were made for the aid of beneficiaries.—For the benefit of Messrs. A. L. Yount and R. A. Yoder $135,00 each, and for Mr. J. F. Moser, balance in Treasury.

Resolved, That when beneficiaries leave College they shall be required to leave behind them in College, all the classical and scientific books that have been bought with money received from this Synod.

A. Costner, Esq., was elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund for the ensuing year.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES ELECTED.

Rev. A. J. FOX, to North Carolina Synod.
" J. M. SMITH, alternate to North Carolina Synod.
" S. HENKEL, to Virginia Synod.
" T. MOSER, to Holston Synod.
" A. L. CROUSE, alternate to Holston Synod.

Resolved, That five copies of these minutes be sent to each minister of this Synod, and two copies to each Synod in correspondence with this.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

Resolved, That Synod now adjourns to the time and place before determined.

After adjournment, Rev. Goodman preached from 1 Cor. 2: 2.

J. R. PETERSON, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Whereas, the ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechizing those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is in some places falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed by catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our church previous to their confirmation. But in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or when such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case until such persons have been examined by the pastor before the Council and approved by them.

APPENDIX B.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REV. J. S. BENNICK,

In Account with

E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1872, Sept. 2.	Received from former Treasurer of Synod	$8 00	
	Received by contributions, for Minutes,	50 00	
1873, Sept. 9.	Received of Rev. T. Miller,	19 84	
			$77 84
1872, Sept. 2.	Paid Henkel & Calvert, printing Minutes,	$40 00	
	Postage on Minutes,	3 68	
	Balance on hand,	34 16	
			$77 84

1873, Oct. 10.	To Balance on hand,	$34 16
	To balance due from Rev. A. J. Fox, minutes	5 70
	To amount due from Rev. T. Moser, minutes	3 00
	To amount due from Rev. D. Efird, minutes,	3 15

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK.

APPENDIX E.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.	Ordained,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms,	Confirmations,	Funerals,	Sunday Schools,	For Minutes,	Beneficiary Fund,
S. HENKEL,	1850	3	290	6	23	26	13	3	4 00	20 27
T. MOSER,	1844	4	200		13	5	6	2	3 00	20 00
I. CONDER,	1861	4	187		13	5	7	2		16 80
H. GOODMAN,	1830	2	257	3	33	15	5			
J. M. SMITH,	1856	7	1288	2	108	97	40	4	13 20	50 00
L. A. FOX,	1864	1	83	5	4	9	5	1		10 00
A. L. CROUSE,	1871	6	537		45	18	11	3	7 50	150 00
D. EFIRD,	1847	4	564		58	70	20	3	3 80	150 00
T. CROUSE,	1845	7	494	1	44	22	10		3 90	34 55
J. R. PETERSON,	1843	5	461	2	40	16	7		6 30	56 25
M. L. FOX,	1867	1	35		5					
J. S. BENNICK,	1866	7	600	3	47	50	25	2	5 00	50 00
J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	3	350	13	35	3	7	2	90	
C. MORETZ,		3		3	36	26			1 40	
A. J. FOX,	1838	7	1100	6	95	85			12 50	73 00

APPENDIX C.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

A. Costner in account with Tenn. Synod.

1872, Sept. 5.	To cash from	Philadelphia church,	$5 30
"	"	Lutheran Chapel,	21 00
"	"	Christ Church,	9 00
"	"	St. Luke,	4 70
"	"	Mt. Moriah,	7 00
Oct. 18th	"	Trinity,	15 00
Nov. 4th,	"	Sardis,	3 00
Dec. 15th,	"	Bethphage,	2 00
1873, Feb. 11th,	"	St. Mark's,	7 00
March 8th,	"	From Dr. Fox,	10 00
" 25th,	"	St. Stephen's,	10 00
"	"	Mt. Moriah,	14 00
"	"	Balance from Christ's,	1 00
April 6th,	"	Grace Church,	8 25
" 11th,	"	St. Paul's,	8 50
"	"	Salem,	14 00
" 27th,	"	St. Luke's	4 65
"	"	Lutheran Chapel,	19 00
"	"	Philadelphia Church,	5 25
" 28th	"	Rev T. Crouse's charge,	15 00
May 17th,	"	St. Mark's Church,	8 00
"	"	St. John's,	12 35
May 17th,	"	Zion's Church,	6 60
June 2d,	"	Bethphage,	3 05
Sept. 10th,	"	Daniel's,	15 00
"	"	Bethphage,	1 35
"	"	Sharon,	5 70
"	"	St. Peter's,	3 25
"	"	St. James,	3 40
"	"	Zion's,	35
"	"	St. Stephen,	10
Sept. 23d,	"	Philadelphia.	5 25
"	"	Christ's,	2 00
1872, August 19,	"	Balance on hand,	19 00
			$269 05

1872, Aug. 27,	By cash to	R. A. Yoder,	$19 00
Nov. 2d,	"	" "	25 00
1873, Jan. 4th,	"	" "	30 00
April 21st,	"	" "	30 00
May 6th,	"	" "	26 75
March 20th,	"	J. C. Moser,	50 00
Sept. 27th,	"	A. L. Yount,	75 00
Various dates,	"	Registered Letters,	54
Oct. 10th,	Cash in hand,		12 76
			$269 05

Rev. S. Henkel, has kindly consented to act as my agent in receiving and disbursing beneficiary funds in the State of Virginia, who will submit his report to this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COSTNER.

APPENDIX D.

REV. S. HENKEL'S REPORT.

REV. S. HENKEL,

In Account with

E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1872, Sept. 3,	To amount on hand,	$22 15	
" 5,	" from Mt. Calvary Church,	7 09	
" 10,	" Emanuel's Church,	6 80	
" "	To cash from Rev. Bennick's charge,	6 00	
" "	To cash from St. Paul's Church,	5 13	
1873, Jan. 14,	To cash from Rev. Bennick's charge,	15 00	
March 29,	To cash from Mrs. Mary M. Henkel,	2 00	
June,	To 1 pr socks from Miss Mary Summers,	40	
	Amount overpaid,	5 45	
			$70 02
1872, Sept.	By amount paid to J. P. Stirewalt,	$25 02	
1873, Jan. 14,	By amount paid to J. P. Stirewalt,	25 00	
March 25,	By amount paid to J. P. Stirewalt,	10 00	
	By amount paid to A. Costner, through Dr. Fox,	10 00	
			$70 02

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSE SYNOD.

(AS REVISED IN 1866.)

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Synod shall be THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The Holy Scriptures, the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments, shall be the only rule and standard of doctrine and church discipline.

SEC. 2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, in regard to matters of faith and practice, this Synod receives the three Ancient Symbols: the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian creeds; and the unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith. It receives also the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord—as true Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. This Synod shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod to represent them in the Synodical Meetings.

Sec. 2. Each one of these congregations shall have the right to appoint one such delegate, who shall have equal rights and privileges with the ministers transacting the business of Synod.

Sec. 3. Every minister desiring to be received into connection with this Synod, shall, on his reception, be required to subscribe this Constitution.

Sec. 4. No minister in connection with this Synod, shall be allowed to teach any thing, nor shall Synod transact any business, contrary to the confessional basis as set forth in Article II.

Sec. 5. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office. Cases of this kind, if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practice, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to expel and depose from the Synod and holy office of the ministry, such as refuse after admonition to repent of their wrong.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of Synod as soon as the wants of the church shall demand, and its resources will justify, to engage in the work of Missions both domestic and foreign: and also in the work of beneficiary Education for the purpose of preparing indigent young men of talents and piety for the work of the ministry in connection with the Lutheran

Church according to such regulations as it may adopt, and consider best calculated to promote these great objects.

Sec. 3. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting, appointing one or more Pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry at some suitable time and place by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Sec. 4. Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year, during which time all candidates for the ministerial office shall be taken on trial.

Sec. 5. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations who may desire to be connected with it, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. A majority of all votes cast will be required to constitute an election to any office. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon the same in other public bodies, or as may be made obligatory upon them from time to time by Synod. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session, annually, and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI.

Synod shall meet from time to time upon its own adjournments. Extra sessions may be called by the President, when requested for good and sufficient reasons, to do so, by two ministers and two lay-men in its connection.

ARTICLE VII.

Synod may at any regular meeting, by a concurrence of two-thirds of all the members present, make such regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

If any thing contained in these articles should hereafter be deemed contrary to the Confessional Basis of this Synod, oppressive, or inexpedient, it may be altered or amended. But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless a proposition for alteration or amendment shall have been laid before one of the sessions of Synod, in writing, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members voting. The proposition thus agreed to, shall then be laid, in due form, by the Synod in its Minutes before the congregations in its connection, for ratification or rejection by them; and the ministers or vestries of these congregations shall, at some suitable time, before the next succeeding sessions of Synod; take the vote of these congregations, on the Constitution as amended, allowing the members to vote for its ratification or rejection and send a statement of the vote to that session of Synod. If, then, it shall be ascertained by Synod that a majority of these congregations have voted in favor of ratification, the amendment shall become and be declared by Synod on the face of its Minutes a valid part of said Constitution, and the parts thereof repugnant to such alteration, void.

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Officers of Synod.

Rev. J. M. SMITH,	President.
Rev. J. R. PETERSON,	Rec. Sec.
Rev. L. A. FOX,	Cor. Sec.
Rev. J. N. STIREWALT,	Treasurer.

TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD:

THURSDAY BEFORE FIRST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER, 1874,

PILGRIM'S CHURCH, DAVIDSON CO., N. C.

MINUTES AND CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod,

1873.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

Tennessee Synod,

HELD IN

ZION CHURCH, LEXINGTON CO., S. C.,

OCTOBER 16.20, 1873.

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REC. SECRETARY,...REV. J. R. PETERSON,

CORRES. SECRETARY,.....REV. L. A. FOX,

TREASURER,.....REV. J. N. STIREWALT.

The Evangelical Lutheran TENNESSEE SYNOD will meet, (D. V.) in PILGRIM CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C., on THURSDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER, 1874.

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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVAN. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

THE Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod held its Fifty-third Annual Meeting, in Zion Church, Lexington County, S. C., beginning on Thursday, the 16th day of October, 1873. The First Session was opened, as usual, with suitable religious exercises, by the President. The Roll of Ministers was called, and the Certificates of Lay Delegates were presented:

NAME AND POST OFFICE OF EACH MINISTER:

1	REV. H. GOODMAN,	STATESVILLE, N. C.,
2	" A. J. FOX,	NEWTON, "
3	" J. R. MOSER,	GRAVELTON, MISSOURI,
4	" P. C. HENKEL,	" "
5	" J. R. PETERSON,	DALLAS, N. C.
6	" T. MOSER,	MT. PLEASANT, N. C.
7	" T. CROUSE,	SANDY CREEK, "
8	" S. HENKEL,	NEW MARKET, VA.
9	" D. EFIRD.	PINE RIDGE, S. C.
10	" C. MORETZ,	BOONE, N. C.
11	" J. M. SMITH,	NEWTON, N. C.
12	" I. CONDER,	MCGAHEYSVILLE, VA.
13	" T. MILLER,	EDINBURG, VA.
14	" J. S. BENNICK,	FORESTVILLE, VA.
15	" J. N. STIREWALT,	STONY MAN, "
16	" M. L. FOX,	SANDY CREEK, N. C.
17	" A. L. CROUSE,	SUMMIT, S. C.
18	" L. A. FOX,	WAYNESBORO', VA.
19	" J. C. MOSER,	CHINA GROVE, N. C.
20	" M. L. LITTLE,	SEAGLE'S STORE, N. C.

NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES, AND OF CHURCHES REPRESENTED:

N. KLECKLEY,	Zion's Church, N. C.
JESSE SOX,	Emanuel's Church, N. C.
H. M. GROSS,	St. Peter's Church, N. C.
G. J HOOK,	St Paul's " "
M. W. SHEALY,	Cedar Grove church, N. C.
W. A. LORICK,	Bethlehem " "
M. J. HARKEY,	Rev. T. Moser's charge, N. C.
LEWIS LENEBARGER,	Lutheran Chapel, "
C. J PETERSON,	Christ's church, "
JOS. K. RHYNE,	Philadelphia church, "
M. LITTLE, ALONZO LUTZ,	Rev. A. J. Fox's charge, N. C.
D. L. CROUSE,	Pilgrim's and Cobb's churches N. C.
	Melancthon's N. Jerusalem, N. C.
G. H. SCHWARTZ,	St. Jacob's church, S. C.
LUTHER MAYER,	St John's " "
R. W. FRICK,	St. Peter's (Pineywoods) church, S. C.
S. P. DRAFTS,	St. James " "
J. C. MOSER,	Mt. Moriah church, S. C.

Rev. D. M. Henkel was received as the Corresponding Delegate of the N. C. Synod.

The President's Annual Report was read and received and referred to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:

Another most eventful Synodical year has passed, during which as individuals and as a Synod, we have had many things to embarrass, perplex and even discourage us. And also very many things to cheer, strengthen and encourage us in the many arduous duties of our labor of love. On the one hand our enemies and the enemies of the pure doctrines and wholesome usages of our much beloved Church, have continued their opposition with unabated energy and zeal. On the other hand our friends and the friends of the Church, have most earnestly and faithfully stood up and defended the right. In a few instances and with a few individuals there has been some little misunderstanding and disaffection among the members and people of this Synod, yet it is truly gratifying that very little injury has been done.

For the last few weeks there has been, within the bounds of our Synod, quite an unusual amount of sickness. But yet in the providence of God comparatively few deaths have occurred among our members. And we have special reasons for being truly thankful to our Heavenly Father that none of our ministers have become victims of death. Although we are not all here, it has pleased God to permit us to remain an unbroken band of laborers in His vineyard.

All during the year have been more or less engaged in their Master's work

for the conversion of souls. It is a source of no little gratification to know that with very little there is sufficient harmony of sentiment and unanimity of purpose among the brethren to secure a continuance of that peace and good will, which has for the last several years been so signally characteristic of annual conventions of Synod. And there is much to induce us to believe that the little which prevents perfect unanimity and concord in our midst is the result of misapprehension and misconception and not selfish and malicious motives, and I most earnestly pray God that during the convention here assembled all our ministers and lay-delegates may be able to see eye to eye and act in perfect harmony in all our deliberations and transactions.

As your presiding officer during the past year, it becomes me to render an account of the little I have found it necessary officially to do, since the rising of our last convention. To state such historical facts as I am in possession of—and also to submit a few recommendations, and make such suggestions as in my judgment the interests and wants of our Synod require you to consider and act upon.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

It has not been necessary, during the interim of Synod, for me to perform many strictly official acts. Some time early in last November, I received a letter from Rev. A. L. Crouse, informing me that he had beeen elected pastor of the South Lexington charge, in Lexington County, S. C., and requesting me to appoint a Committee to install him in his charge. Accordingly I appointed, and immediately notified, Revds. D. Efird and T. Crouse, that, on the——day of———, in connection with myself, as President of Synod, we would meet and perform the duty. But on account of bodily indisposition, and a very inclement state of the weather, I found it so inconvenient that I myself declined going. I, however, some time afterwards, learned that, for some reason, brother Efird failed also to attend the appointment, but that Rev. T. Crouse was in attendance and performed the duty assigned the Committee; but, on some account, he has thus far failed to officially notify me of the same.

In order to relieve myself of some portion of my very extensive pastoral duty, some time about the first of last January I authorized bro. M. L. Little, one of our students of theology, whom I regarded as having made sufficient attainments in literature and theology, to perform the duties of preaching, baptizing and catechising in four of the congregations of my pastorate, and am truly happy to be able to inform you that he has very satisfactorily and successfully discharged the duties assigned him, and I take great pleasure in commending him to your most favorable notice.

Some time last December, in compliance with the request of the congregation at Luther Chapel made through its pastor, Rev. J. R. Peterson, in connection with Rev. N. Aldrick of Charlotte, I assisted in laying the corner-stone of a large new Church at that place.

On the 27th day of September last, in compliance with the request of Rev. J. M. Smith, I preached a dedication sermon in a large new house of worship at St. Peters, Catawba Co., N. C., and assisted in its consecration.

OUR BENEFICIARIES.

There are at this time only two beneficiaries upon the funds of the Synod—

R. A. Yoder and A. L. Yount. These young men are successfully prosecuting their literary studies in N. C. College, and are hopeful that by close application they may complete the sophomore year in that most excellent institution of learning by the end of the present scholastic year, and it will devo've upon Synod, at its present convention, to make such appropriations as will enable them to continue that long at least.

Two of our former beneficiaries are not in school, and one last year declined asking any aid for the time being, hoping to be able to prosecute his subsequent course with his own private means; however he may again ask assistance, and in that case it will be necessary to afford him requisite aid.

Bro. J. C. Moser, as I learn from the public prints, graduated with first honors of his class at the last annual commencement of N. C. College, and is now engaged in conducting a school at China Grove, N. C., and is preaching at Mt. Moriah and other Churches of our Synod.

I learn also that Bro. J. Paul Stirewalt has left school, and is engaged in preaching in Virginia.

It will be necessary at this session of the Synod to take some action in regard to these young brethren, either to make some appropriate provisions to enable them to prosecute their Theological studies, or so arrange things as to enable them to enter at once upon the discharge of such ministerial duties as are contemplated in our beneficiary regulations.

In this connection I desire to say that our rules for conducting our beneficiary affairs are exceedingly defective, insufficient and unequal in their provisions.—They mention no standard of the extent of education we propose to give our beneficiaries; nor the amount of money we propose to expend upon each of them; and yet we require all who receive any assistance to labor within our bounds for ten years, regardless of the difference in the amount expended upon different individuals. I would therefore recommend that a suitable committee be appointed to consider this matter and propose the necessary amendments, during this convention of Synod.

CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

I am sorry to have to record the death of Bro. W. H. Holler, whose name appeared last year upon the face of our minutes. He was one of the most talented, faithful, highly respected and promising young men in Catawba High School, at the time of his death which occurred on the 12th day of last April, in his 21st year.

Permit me in this connection to introduce to your notice the name of bro. Pinckney Cline, a student in Catawba High School, and recommend that his name be placed upon our minutes as a candidate for the ministry.

MISSIONARY ENTERPRISES.

It seems to me that it is time to revive this very necessary mode of extending our borders. There are at least three very important points just around my present location where flourishing congregations might very soon be built up if they could only have a little assistance from Synod, and which, if they continue to be neglected as they always have been, will in no very great while be entirely lost to us. What renders these points the more important to us is that they are all in towns, and two of them County seats.

PASTORATES.

Inasmuch as nearly all our pastoral charges are very large, embracing several, and, in some, many congregations; and inasmuch as our ministerial ranks are now steadily filling up, very soon we will have the men to enable us, to a considerable extent, at least, to diminish the number of congregations in many charges by dividing them into a greater number of charges; I therefore respectfully recommend that a committee of five, three ministers and two intelligent lay-men be appointed to consider this matter, and devise and submit to the next convention of Synod a plan by which our large pastorates can be so divided as to enable our ministers better to perform their duty to their respective flocks, and by which all our congregations may be better supplied with more frequent preaching and other services

OUR CHURCH PAPER.

Permit me dear brethren to congratulate you upon the success of this very useful and very laudable enterprise, and recommend that such action may be taken as will afford it as much aid and encouragement as it is possible for this Synod to bestow upon it. The spirit and ability with which it is conducted are not only gratifying to those who conceived and projected the plan by which it was brought into being, but are also very honorable to its editors and the Synods in whose interests it is mainly conducted.

ENDOWMENT OF PROFESSORSHIP.

As this matter has been brought before the public through the columns of Our Church Paper, I deem it of so much importance as to demand our most serious attention, and to enable us at as early a period as possible, to do something in that direction, I recommend that a committee of two of our most influential ministers be appointed to confer with the proper authorities in the N. C. Synod in regard to their willingness to permit us to endow one or more professorships in their College, and if their consent is obtained in the matter, to bring the subject in a formal manner before the next annual meeting of this Synod.

UNION OF SYNODS.

This important matter for sometime so prominently before the Synod has been interrupted by several causes, and in some respects seems to present rather a gloomy aspect at present; nevertheless, I regard it of sufficient interest to merit, at least a brief notice in this paper.

The prospect of union with the several Synods in North America has failed, I think never to be revived. And I regard any action at this, in reference to a union with the General Council as premature, injudicious and unwise. For such is the condition of the church in our midst and around us, that we should first unite congenial elements at home, and then look to a union with a general body, and present indications seem to point to an ultimate union with the General Council.

Whether prudent or imprudent, our daughter, the E. L. Holston Synod, has the matter of a speedy union with the General Council under consideration, and therefore there is no prospect at this time for any kind of union between that Synod and this.

The action of our Mother Synod, the E. L. Synod of N. C., at her last conven-

tion, postponing all action in regard to union with all other ecclesiastical bodies for five years would seem to have put that matter to rest for that time at least. Nevertheless, I am sure that instead of the spirit of union being repressed in the minds of many of the members of that venerable body, it has been intensified.—This is evident from the many bold and manly effusions which appear from time to time in OUR CHURCH PAPER and from private letters in my possession. The measure when adopted was a mere compromise, and is capable of being reconsidered at any annual meeting of that Synod within the period of postponement.—The idea of a joint Synod in the minds of these brethren 'tis true, has been abandoned, and the idea of consolidation has taken its place, and they are now most earnestly at work to speedily consummate the matter and it is most confidently believed that a decided majority are favoring the project.

I learn from a private yet most reliable source, that the friends of union in that Synod most anxiously desire our co-operation with them in this matter, and also that they are looking with intense interest to the action of this Synod in regard to union. The matter has been before us and still remains undisposed of and we are under the necessity of taking some action in reference to it, and as things now stand, it seems to me that the true line of duty with us is to do all we can to aid and encourage our friends in the N. C. Synod in this work of love; for I do regard that much, very much of the future prosperity of the true Lutheranism in North Carolina depends upon this contemplated union.

I therefore most respectfully recommend that a committee of three of our ministers be appointed to confer with the corresponding delegate from that Synod in regard to this matter, and if possible agree upon some safe and uniform plan by which this very desirable end can be most speedily effected, and report to this meeting of Synod.

There are several other things of importance that might be presented in this report, but they may be brought up in some other way, and, this paper being already very lengthy, must close. And now, dear brethren, I return the Chair which you so generously placed in my possession at our last annual convention, with many thanks for the confidence reposed in me, and your very kind indulgence,—to him whom you may select as my successor, and pray God that he may discharge the duties of this responsible position with greater ability than I have been able to do, and may God bless you in all your deliberations and transactions.

A. J. FOX,
President of the E. L. Tenn. Synod.

The annual election for officers of Synod resulted as follows:

Rev. J. M. SMITH,	PRESIDENT,
" J. R. PETERSON,	REC. SECRETARY,
" L. A. FOX,	COR. SECRETARY,
" J. N. STIREWALT,	TREASURER.

Communications intended for Synod were presented.

Upon motion Synod adjourned until after public worship.

During recess the retiring President preached the Synodical sermon from Eph. 4: 3.

THURSDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod resumed business. Rev. D. Efird and Messrs. Luther Mayer and R. W. Erick now appeared and took seats as members of Synod.

The President announced the following committees:

1 On Unfinished Business.—Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, A. L. Crouse and Mr. D. L. Crouse.

2. On Letters and Petitions.—Rev. A L. Crouse and Messrs. M. L. Little and C. J Peterson.

3. On State of the Church.—Revs. A. J. Fox and J. M. Smith.

4. On President's Report.—Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, L. A. Fox and Mr. Lewis Linebarger.

5. On Examination.—Revs. M. L. Fox, L. A. Fox, and A. J. Fox.

6. On Treasurer's Report.—Revs. J. R. Peterson, H. Goodman and Mr. W. A. Lorick.

7. On Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.—Mr. M. L. Little, Rev. D. Efird and Mr. Jesse Roof.

8. On Vacancies.—Rev. L. A. Fox.

9. On Leave of Absence.—Revs. H. Goodman and L. A. Fox.

The following Reports were read and adopted.

Report of Delegate to the Virginia Synod.

Your Delegate to the Virginia Synod had the pleasure of discharging his duty. He was most cordially received and was delighted to mark the evidences of a rapidly increasing adhesion to the confessions of the Church. Fully satisfied that the cause of true Lutheranism suffers greatly because of old prejudices, and that these exist because of the lack of more frequent and unreserved intercourse between the members of our Synod and the ministers of that Synod, your delegate took occasion to call attention to the importance of such intercourse. There are good grounds for hoping that before many years this Synod and the Va. Synod will be fully agreed both as to doctrine and practice. Delegates were appointed to our present convention.

The next convention will be held at Mt. Jackson, commencing on Thursday before full moon in August, 1873. L. A. FOX.

REPORT ON VACANCIES.

Your committee has not succeeded in obtaining that amount of information that he hoped and ought to have obtained. In response to repeated appeals through Our Church Paper, he received one letter only. We have reason to complain of the indifference manifested in this important matter.

The Virginia Special Conference is doing all within its power, to supply destitute points within its bounds. There is a number of Lutheran families in Pendleton and adjoining counties in West Virginia. If we had a

traveling missionary, then several pastoral charges could be organized in a short while that would in a few years become self-sustaining. There are a few families living at Brock's Gap. There are some families in Page County not within the reach of any of the organized congregations. There was a time when a church could have been organized at Luray, but your committee has not been able to learn what the prospects are now.

If there are any points in S. C., properly belonging to our Synod, your committee has not learned of them.

In N. C., there are some organized congregations now vacant. St. Martin's in Iredell, having a membership of 120, and Friendship having 200 members are either entirely vacant or are only temporarily supplied.—Layle's Church in Burke county and Philadelphia in Caldwell county having each a membership of about 25 are vacant. Phanuel's in Rowan county is also vacant. There are three important towns asking our attention. Linconlton has now 13 Lutherans residing in town; Hickory, a rapidly growing town in Catawba county has 30; Newton has 21. Many of our congregations are poorly supplied. Some of our charges are large enough for three pastors. Our congregations cannot prosper as they ought, and all our enterprises languish because of imperfect ministrations.

Rev. J R. Moser, writes that there are about twenty places west of the Mississippi that have been heard from, at which there are prospects of organizing congregations. This does not properly belong to our body, but is matter of rejoicing to us that our members scattered through the west are having something done to supply them with means of grace.

Your committee regrets this meager report, yet he comforts himself with the fact that this is the first year of the existence of such committee and hopes that his successors may be more successful in collecting facts.

L. A. FOX.

REPORT ON COURSE OF THEOLOGY.

Your committee recommend the following course of theology for private students:

Horne's Introduction, Hutter's Compend, Book of Concord, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Knapp's Christian Theology, Mann's Schmidt's Christian Ethics, Kurtz's Sacred History, Kurtz's Church History, Ripley's Sacred Rhetoric, Vinet's Homiletics, Vinet's Pastoral Theology. Instruction must be given in Exegesis, Catechetics, Liturgics and Eclesiastical Polity.

It is presumed that every minister who undertakes to give instructions, will be able to point out and guard his students against such things in any of the books given above that is un-Lutheran. The most objectionable one has important features not found elsewhere.

Your committee recommend that special attention be given to the study of the New Testament in Greek, and when the minister is able to teach Hebrew, to the study of the Old Testament in Hebrew.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FOX,
A. J. FOX.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Owing to our limited means of information your committee are unable to present as satisfactory report as we desire. We believe, however, that with some exceptions the congregations in our connection enjoy an encouraging degree of prosperity. The ministers have been earnestly engaged in the work assigned them, and the means of grace have been faithfully dispensed, and, as the result of these labors, considerable accessions have been made to the membership of many congregations. There has been an increased activity in the work of the church. The cause of beneficiary education is commending itself warmly to the attention of our people, and we indulge the hope that the day is not far distant when we shall be able more fully to meet the increasing demands for ministerial labor.—As a further indication of prosperty, many of the old, illy constructed and uncomfortable houses of worship are giving way to others more neat, more comfortable and more Churchly. But there is still much room for improvement. The pastoral charges are generally too large and the pastor's stipend too small. Some if not most of the ministers of this Synod are under the necessity of engaging in secular employments in order to procure the means of subsistence for their families, thereby depriving the church of the benefits which would result from a more undivided attention to their appropriate work on the part of her pastors.

To enable future committees on the State of the Church to prepare more satisfactory reports we recommend the following for adoption by Synod:

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send to each annual meeting of the Synod a written report of the condition of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. PETERSON,
T. MOSER.

Upon motion Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. D. M. Henkel.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

Rev. M. L. Fox and Mr. N. Kleckley, lay-delegates appeared and took their seats as members of Synod.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the committee appointed by last Synod to prepare a new parochial table for the future use of Synod, not proving satisfactory was rejected and the following form was adopted:

Names of Ministers. Congregations, Communicants. *Additions:*—by Confirmation, Adult Baptism, Letters, Infant Baptism. *Losses:*—by Death, Removal, Expulsion. *Sunday Schools:*—Number of Schools, Scholars, Teachers. *Contributions:*—*General*—Synodical Fund, Beneficiary Education, Home Missions, Foreign Missions; *Local*—Current Expenses, other objects.

Report of the Corresponding Delegate to the North Carolina Synod.

It affords me great pleasure to report to this Synod, that I attended the last annual meeting of the E. L. Synod of N. C., and was cordially received by most of the members of that Synod. These brethren are very actively and earnestly engaged in their Master's work. They take great interest in missions, beneficiary education, and education in general. They manifest great zeal in building elegant houses of worship. Their institutions of learning at Mt. Pleasant, N. C., from reports read before Synod, seem to be in a healthy and prosperous condition, and if these brethren were fully united in all their views and enterprises they would be able to accomplish much for the Church. But it is evident that in some things there is considerable difference of opinion, and in none more than in the project of union with some other ecclesiatical body.

Early in the session a preamble and resolution were offered proposing to carry back that Synod into the General Synod in North America, which resulted in the adoption of what I regard as a mere compromise measure between the friends of that movement and the friends of a union with this Synod, which postpones all union movements for the next five years. But instead of putting the matter to rest as it was supposed by some that it would do, it only aroused the friends of union with our Synod to greater diligence in their efforts for union with us.

My professional engagements at home compelled me to leave before the end of the meeting. I left with mixed feelings of pleasure and regret, pleased with the energy and zeal manifested by these brethren for the promotion of true Lutheranism in the South, but pained to know that there is division of sentiment in regard to some things among them which if persisted in may eventuate in much harm. I pray God that these difficulties may soon be overcome and that the consolidation of the two Synods may be effected as early as the friends of the measure in the N. C. Synod may desire.

Rev. D. M. Henkel was elected corresponding delegate to this Synod, and I think that this interchange of delegates should by all means be continued until the desired union can be effected.

A. J. FOX.

The committee on Letters and Petitions submitted a report which was received and acted upon by items.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, your committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to submit the following report:

No 1 is a letter from Rev. I. Conder, rendering as an excuse for his absence, his being engaged in teaching a graded school, and in which he also states that he is highly favorable to an endowment of Professorships in N. C. College.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. C. Moretz in which he stated as his excuse for absence, his want of time and money and begs to be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. T. Crouse, by which he informs Synod that he is preparing to remove from his home in Randolph county to the Davidson charge, and assigns this as his reason for absence from Synod.

No. 4 is a latter from Rev. S. Henkel, in which he assigns as the cause of his absence from Synod, the press of business in consequence of his connection with OUR CHURCH PAPER as managing editor. He also calls the attention of Synod to the endowment of Professorships in some Lutheran College or to the establishment of one of our own.

No. 5 is a letter from the Board of Trustees of N. C. College in which we find the following resolution.

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three members of the Board, of which the President shall be chairman, be appointed to confer with the Tennessee Synod to know upon what terms it will unite in the endowment of this College."

No. 6 is a petition from St. Martin's Church, Iredell county, in which the petitioners express their satisfaction with the services of father Goodman, and after stating his resignation pray for the services of some other pastor.

No. 7 is a petition from St. James Church, Summit, Lexington County, S. C., praying for admission into the Tennessee Synod, and attachment to the Southern Lexington charge under the pastoral care of Rev. A. L. Crouse.

No. 8 is a petition from Bethphage Church, Lincoln, N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of Mr. M. L. Little to become their pastor.

No. 9 is a petition from Trinity Church, Lincoln N. C., of similar import with the last.

Nos. 10, 11 and 12 are letters from Pine Church, Shenandoah, Va., Rader's Church, Rockingham, Va., and St. Paul's Church, Shenandoah, Va., praying for the examination and ordination of Mr. J. P. Stirewalt to the office of pastor.

No. 13 is a petition from Trinity Church, Lincoln, Co., N. C., asking this Synod to hold its next annual convention in that Church.

No. 14 is a petition from Pilgrim's Church, Davidson county, also asking for the next Synod.

No. 15 is a petition from St. Peter's Church, Lexington county, S. C., asking Synod to speak authoritatively in reference to a Hymn Book.

No. 16 is a petition from Mt. Moriah Church, Rowan county, N. C.,

praying for the examination and ordination of Mr. J. C. Moser and also for his services as pastor.

Your committee recommend brother Moser to the favorable notice of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
M. L. LITTLE,
C. J. PETERSON.

Item 1 of the above report; Rev. Conder was excused. Consideration of item 2, was postponed. Items 3 and 4; the absence from this meeting of Revs. Crouse and Henkel was excused. Item 5 was postponed for future consideration. Item 6 required no action from this body. In answer to No. 7 it was *Resolved*, That St. James Church, Summit, S. C., be received in connection with this Synod, and that S. P. Draft take a seat in this meeting as delegate of that congregation. Mr. Little declining to receive ordination, in reference to items 8 and 9 it was *Resolved*, That Mr. M. L. Little be examined with a view to *licensure*. In answer to items 10, 11 and 12 it was *Resolved*, that the Virginia Special Conference be hereby constituted a committee to examine Mr J. P. Stirewalt, as to his qualifications for the office of pastor, and if found qualified to ordain him to that office. Items 13 and 14, were postponed for future consideration. Action upon item 15 was postponed until to-morrow immediately after sermon.

Item 16, Mr. Moser having declined ordination it was *Resolved*, That he be examined with a view to *licensure*.

The above report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned until after public worship. Sermon by Rev. D. M. Henkel. Text, Gal. 5 : 1.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod met and resumed business.

It was *Resolved*, That when this Synod adjourns it shall stand adjourned to meet again at Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, N. C., and commence on Thursday before the 1st Sunday of Oct. 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The committee on the report of Treasurer of beneficiary fund made a report, which was receieved.

REPORT.

We, your committee appointed to examine the report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund, have done so and find it correct.

We have also examined the report of Rev. S. Henkel, who by a special arrangement with the Treasurer received and disbursed the money collected in our churches in Virginia. We find the report correct. Five Dollars and fifty-one cents ($5 51) remain in the Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. LITTLE,
D. EFIRD,
N. KLECKLEY.

The committee on the President's report submitted the following:

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The committee on the President's report submitted the following:

1st. The President calls the attention of Synod to the defective and unequal provisions of our present beneficiary operations, and recommends that a committee be appointed to consider the matter and propose the necessary amendments.

We, your committee offer the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved, That three ministers be appointed as recommended by the President, and be required to report to the present convention.

2d. He r commends that the name of Mr. P. Cline be placed upon our minutes as a student of theology.

Your committee sustains the recommendation.

3d. He recommends a redistricting of our pastoral charges.

Resolved, That the ministers composing the Conferences in each State be constituted committees to redistrict the charges in their State and report to the next annual convention of Synod.

4th. He calls the attention of Synod to the importance of endowing one or more professorships in N. C. College.

Resolved, That while we are duly impressed with the importance of this matter, yet on account of the undetermined relation that the N. C. and Tenn. Synods still sustain to each other, no action can be taken at this convention of Synod.

5th. The President calls the attention of Synod to the importance of taking some step by which to secure a consolidation of the N. C. and Tenn. Synods.

Resolved, That with the facts before us concerning the action of the N. C. Synod, in its last convention relative to the union of the two Synods, we stand ready to meet the N. C. Synod in joint convention at any time and place, with such lay-delegation as may be agreed upon by the Presidents of the two Synods for the purpose of considering and effecting a consolidation of the two Synods.

J. N STIREWALT,
L. A. FOX,
L. LINEBARGER.

The report was received and considered by items.

1. The first resolution was adopted, and the following committee was appointed:

Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, L. A. Fox and A. J. Fox. 2. The second resolution was adopted and the name of Mr. P. Cline was received under care of Synod, as a student of theology. Mr. D. L. Crouse was also received. The 3, 4 and 5 resolutions were adopted The report was then adopted as a whole.

The committee on unfinished business presented the following:

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The committee on unfinished business have examined the minutes of last Synod and find as follows:

1. Page 4th, A committee on Parochial Reports.
2. Page 5th, A committee appointed on course of theology.
3. Page 9th, A committee invested with full ecclesiastical authority to investigate difficulties between Rev. C. Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation, to reconcile the parties if possible, or to arraign the Rev. C. Moretz for trial—to acquit or suspend said Moretz as the facts in the case may demand.

Have those committees discharged the duties assigned them?

J. N. STIREWALT,
A. L. CROUSE,
D. L. CROUSE.

Report was received and acted upon by items.

Items 1 and 2, subjects already disposed of.

Item 3. The committee in the matter of difficulty between Rev. Moretz and Mt. Pleasant congregation, not having attended to the duty assigned them was continued, with the substitution of the name of Rev. J. R. Peterson instead of Rev. T. Moser, and the addition of Messrs. A. G. Corpening and Frederick Smith to it.

Upon motion Synod adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Fox.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Synod met and was opened with prayer, by Rev. T. Mo er.

Roll was called. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Rev. T. Moser, and Mr. J. C. Moser lay-delegate, having arrived, took seats in Synod.

The following is the report of the committee on change in the constitution, regulating beneficiary operations.

REPORT ON BENEFICIARY OPERATIONS.

We, your committee recommend the following rule be appended to the constitution, regulating our beneficiary operations.

If any young man receives less than $500 from Synod, he may be released from his obligation to labor for the Synod as soon as he refunds the amount he has received from Synod. This rule must not, however, be so construed as to give a maximum of appropriations.

J. N. STIREWALT,
L. A. FOX,
A. J. FOX.

Report, on rule regulating Beneficiary operations, adopted.

Rev. C. Seen of the M. E. C. South, being present, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

The following in reference to OUR CHURCH PAPER, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we hail with much pleasure, the appearance of OUR CHURCH PAPER, a religious journal published at New Market, Va. The respectability of its appearance, the ability with which it is conducted and the soundness of the doctrines and practices which it inculcates are just what we think they ought to be, and we therefore regard it our duty, as far as possible, to encourage its circulation among the people of our congregations, and that we exert ourselves to introduce it into every family of our connection.

Item 2 in report on Letters and Petitions was considered and Rev. Moretz was excused, for his absence from this meeting.

In reference to item 5th of same report it was *Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary furnish the Board of Trustees of N. C. College a certified copy of the answer to their letter.

Upon motion it was *Resolved*, That the Constitution and By-Laws of this Synod, be appended to the minutes of this convention provided the money in hands of Treasurer be sufficient to pay expenses.

SYNODICAL FUND.

Resolved, That we hereby establish a Synodical Fund, to be raised by annual collections taken in each congregation, out of which all contingent expenses of Synod are to be met.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the members of this congregation, and the people of this vicinity, for the kindness with which they have received us, and the generous hospitality they have extended to us during our stay among them, and that the President read this resolution publicly before the congregation on Sunday next, accompanied with some remarks, at the commencement of the second service.

Parochial reports were read.

Synod adjourned until after sermon. Sermon by Rev. T. Moser. Text, Eph. 2: 1—7.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Synod resumed business.

The 15th item in report on Letters and Petitions was now considered, and the following preamble and resolution were adopted.

Inasmuch, as this Synod, at her last annual convention did recommend the Church Book of the General Council as a Hymn Book for future use in our congregations, and inasmuch as there is a petition now before this

Synod from St. Peter Church, Lexington county, S. C., asking us to speak authoritatively upon the subject of the Hymn Book. Be it therefore *Resolved*, That the Synod in her action upon this subject has spoken with all the authority she possesses, and therefore the petitioners are referred to the action upon this subject last year.

In answer to an inquiry by a member of Synod as to the proper course to be pursued in admitting members to full communion with the Church by confirmation, it was *Resolved*, That the preamble and resolution adopted by this Synod on this subject, in the convention of 1866, be hereby reaffirmed, and that they be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

Upon motion Synod adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

SUNDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The exercises of public worship were introduced by Rev. J. R. Peterson, with an Introit, Hymn, Scripture Lesson and Prayer. Rev. Rev. L. A. Fox preached from John 10 : 11, and was succeeded by Rev. J. M. Smith, who preached from Luke 14 : 17. The Holy Supper was administered to the members of Synod, with the congregation.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The members of Synod assembled and the session was opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Fox.

Roll was called. The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read and approved.

The report of committee on Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

The committee on Treasurer's report have examined that document and find it correct.

J. R. PETERSON.
H. GOODMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

Your committee on examination have carefully examined brethren M. L. Little and J. C. Moser, with a view to their licensure to the office of the ministry of the gospel, and regard them as possessing the requisite qualifications, and recommend that they receive license according to the regulations of this Synod, until its next annual convention.

M. L. FOX,
A. J. FOX,
L. A. FOX.

Adopted.

Messrs. J. F. Moser and A. B. Efird were received as beneficiaries upon the funds of Synod.

The following appropriations were made for the aid of beneficiaries.—For the benefit of Messrs. A. L. Yount and R. A. Yoder $135,00 each, and for Mr. J. F. Moser, balance in Treasury.

Resolved, That when beneficiaries leave College they shall be required to leave behind them in College, all the classical and scientific books that have been bought with money received from this Synod.

A. Costner, Esq., was elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund for the ensuing year.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES ELECTED.

Rev. A. J. FOX, to North Carolina Synod.
" J. M. SMITH, alternate to North Carolina Synod.
" S. HENKEL, to Virginia Synod.
" T. MOSER, to Holston Synod.
" A. L. CROUSE, alternate to Holston Synod.

Resolved, That five copies of these minutes be sent to each minister of this Synod, and two copies to each Synod in correspondence with this.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

Resolved, That Synod now adjourns to the time and place before determined.

After adjournment, Rev. Goodman preached from 1 Cor. 2 : 2.

J. R. PETERSON, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Whereas, the ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechizing those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is in some places falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our ministers and congregations in future to see to it that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed by catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our church previous to their confirmation. But in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or when such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case until such persons have been examined by the pastor before the Council and approved by them.

APPENDIX B.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REV. J. S. BENNICK,
In Account with
E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1872, Sept. 2.	Received from former Treasurer of Synod	$8 00	
	Received by contributions, for Minutes,	50 00	
1873, Sept. 9.	Received of Rev. T. Miller,	19 84	
			$77 84
1872, Sept. 2.	Paid Henkel & Calvert, printing Minutes,	$40 00	
	Postage on Minutes,	3 68	
	Balance on hand,	34 16	
			$77 84

1873, Oct. 10.	To Balance on hand.....	$34 16
	To balance due from Rev. A. J. Fox, minutes	5 70
	To amount due from Rev. T. Moser, minutes	3 00
	To amount due from Rev. D. Efird, minutes,	3 15

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK.

APPENDIX E.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.	Ordained,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms,	Confirmations,	Funerals,	Sunday Schools,	For Minutes,	Beneficiary Fund,
S. HENKEL,	1850	3	290	6	23	26	13	3	4 00	20 27
T. MOSER,	1844	4	200		13	5	6	2	3 00	20 00
I. CONDER,	1861	4	187		13	5	7	2		16 80
H. GOODMAN,	1830	2	257	3	33	15	5			
J. M. SMITH,	1856	7	1288	2	108	97	40	4	13 20	50 00
L. A. FOX,	1864	1	83	5	4	9	5	1		10 00
A. L. CROUSE,	1871	6	537		45	18	11	3	7 50	150 00
D. EFIRD,	1847	4	564		58	70	20	3	3 80	150 00
T. CROUSE,	1845	7	494	1	44	22	10		3 90	34 55
J. R. PETERSON,	1843	5	461	2	40	16	7		6 30	56 25
M. L. FOX,	1867	1	35		5					
J. S. BENNICK,	1866	7	600	3	47	50	25	2	5 00	50 00
J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	3	350	13	35	3	7	2	90	
C. MORETZ,		3		3	36	26			1 40	
A. J. FOX,	1838	7	1100	6	95	85			12 50	73 00

APPENDIX C.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

A. Costner in account with Tenn. Synod.

1872, Sept. 5.	To cash from	Philadelphia church,	$5 30
"	"	Lutheran Chapel,	21 00
"	"	Christ Church,	9 00
"	"	St. Luke,	4 70
"	"	Mt. Moriah,	7 00
Oct. 18th	"	Trinity,	15 00
Nov. 4th,	"	Sardis,	3 00
Dec. 15th,	"	Bethphage,	2 00
1873, Feb. 11th.	"	St. Mark's,	7 00
March 8th,	"	From Dr. Fox,	10 00
" 25th,	"	St. Stephen's,	10 00
"	"	Mt. Moriah,	14 00
"	"	Balance from Christ's,	1 00
April 6th,	"	Grace Church,	8 25
" 11th,	"	St. Paul's,	8 50
"	"	Salem,	14 00
" 27th,	"	St. Luke's	4 65
"	"	Lutheran Chapel,	19 00
"	"	Philadelphia Church,	5 25
" 28th	"	Rev T. Crouse's charge,	15 00
May 17th,	"	St. Mark's Church,	8 00
"	"	St. John's,	12 35
May 17th,	"	Zion's Church,	6 60
June 2d,	"	Bethphage,	3 05
Sept. 10th,	"	Daniel's,	15 00
"	"	Bethphage,	1 35
"	"	Sharon,	5 70
"	"	St. Peter's,	3 25
"	"	St. James,	3 40
"	"	Zion's,	35
"	"	St. Stephen,	10
Sept. 23d,	"	Philadelphia.	5 25
"	"	Christ's,	2 00
1872, August 19,	"	Balance on hand,	19 00
			$269 05

1872, Aug. 27,	By cash to	R. A. Yoder,	$19 00
Nov. 2d,	"	" "	25 00
1873, Jan. 4th,	"	" "	30 00
April 21st,	"	" "	30 00
May 6th,	"	" "	26 75
March 20th,	"	J. C. Moser,	50 00
Sept. 27th,	"	A. L. Yount,	75 00
Various dates,	"	Registered Letters,	54
Oct. 10th,	Cash in hand,		12 76
			$269 05

Rev. S. Henkel, has kindly consented to act as my agent in receiving and disbursing beneficiary funds in the State of Virginia, who will submit his report to this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COSTNER.

APPENDIX D.

REV. S. HENKEL'S REPORT.

REV. S. HENKEL,

In Account with

E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1872, Sept. 3,	To amount on hand,	$22 15	
" 5,	" from Mt. Calvary Church,	7 09	
" 10,	" Emanuel's Church,	6 80	
" "	To cash from Rev. Bennick's charge,	6 00	
" "	To cash from St. Paul's Church,	5 13	
1873, Jan. 14,	To cash from Rev. Bennick's charge,	15 00	
March 29,	To cash from Mrs. Mary M. Henkel,	2 00	
June,	To 1 pr socks from Miss Mary Summers,	40	
	Amount overpaid,	5 45	
			$70 02
1872, Sept.	By amount paid to J. P. Stirewalt,	$25 02	
1873, Jan. 14,	By amount paid to J. P. Stirewalt,	25 00	
March 25,	By amount paid to J. P. Stirewalt,	10 00	
	By amount paid to A. Costner, through Dr. Fox,	10 00	
			$70 02

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSE SYNOD.

(AS REVISED IN 1866.)

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Synod shall be THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The Holy Scriptures, the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments, shall be the only rule and standard of doctrine and church discipline.

SEC. 2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, in regard to matters of faith and practice, this Synod receives the three Ancient Symbols: the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian creeds; and the unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith. It receives also the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord—as true Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. This Synod shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod to represent them in the Synodical Meetings.

Sec. 2. Each one of these congregations shall have the right to appoint one such delegate, who shall have equal rights and privileges with the ministers transacting the business of Synod.

Sec. 3. Every minister desiring to be received into connection with this Synod, shall, on his reception, be required to subscribe this Constitution.

Sec. 4. No minister in connection with this Synod, shall be allowed to teach any thing, nor shall Synod transact any business, contrary to the confessional basis as set forth in Article II.

Sec. 5. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office. Cases of this kind, if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practice, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to expel and depose from the Synod and holy office of the ministry, such as refuse after admonition to repent of their wrong.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of Synod as soon as the wants of the church shall demand, and its resources will justify, to engage in the work of Missions both domestic and foreign: and also in the work of beneficiary Education for the purpose of preparing indigent young men of talents and piety for the work of the ministry in connection with the Lutheran

Church according to such regulations as it may adopt, and consider best calculated to promote these great objects.

Sec. 3. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting, appointing one or more Pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry at some suitable time and place by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Sec. 4. Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year, during which time all candidates for the ministerial office shall be taken on trial.

Sec. 5. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations who may desire to be connected with it, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. A majority of all votes cast will be required to constitute an election to any office. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon the same in other public bodies, or as may be made obligatory upon them from time to time by Synod. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session, annually, and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI.

Synod shall meet from time to time upon its own adjournments. Extra sessions may be called by the President, when requested for good and sufficient reasons, to do so, by two ministers and two lay-men in its connection.

ARTICLE VII.

Synod may at any regular meeting, by a concurrence of two-thirds of all the members present, make such regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

If any thing contained in these articles should hereafter be deemed contrary to the Confessional Basis of this Synod, oppressive, or inexpedient, it may be altered or amended. But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless a proposition for alteration or amendment shall have been laid before one of the sessions of Synod, in writing, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members voting. The proposition thus agreed to, shall then be laid, in due form, by the Synod in its Minutes before the congregations in its connection, for ratification or rejection by them; and the ministers or vestries of these congregations shall, at some suitable time, before the next succeeding sessions of Synod; take the vote of these congregations, on the Constitution as amended, allowing the members to vote for its ratification or rejection and send a statement of the vote to that session of Synod. If, then, it shall be ascertained by Synod that a majority of these congregations have voted in favor of ratification, the amendment shall become and be declared by Synod on the face of its Minutes a valid part of said Constitution, and the parts thereof repugnant to such alteration, void.

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Officers of Synod.

Rev. J. M. SMITH,	President.
Rev. J. R. PETERSON,	Rec. Sec.
Rev. L. A. FOX,	Cor. Sec.
Rev. J. N. STIREWALT,	Treasurer.

TIME AND PLACE FOR NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD:

THURSDAY BEFORE FIRST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER, 1874,

PILGRIM'S CHURCH, DAVIDSON CO., N. C.

M. L. Little

ANNUAL MINUTES

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

OCTOBER 1-3, 1874.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

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PRESIDENT,	Rev. L. A. FOX,
REC. SECRETARY,	" A. L. CROUSE,
CORRES. SECRETARY,	" J. M. SMITH,
TREASURER,	Maj. A. KOINER,
TREAS. OF BENEFICIARY FUND,	Rev. T. MOSER.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod will meet, (D. V.) in Mt. Calvary Church, Page County, Va., on Thursday before the First Sunday of October, 1875.

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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

The EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD, held its Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting, in Pilgrim Church, Davidson County, N. C., beginning on Thursday the 1st day of October, 1874. The opening sermon was preached by the President, from Eph. 4, 4, after which Synod was formally opened with suitable exercises, the clerical roll called, and certificates of lay delegates presented:

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	REV. H. GOODMAN,	STATESVILLE, N. C.
2.	" A. J. FOX,	NEWTON, N. C.
3.	" J. R. PETERSON,	DALLAS, "
4.	" T. MOSER,	MT. PLEASANT, N. C.
5.	" T. CROUSE,	LEXINGTON, "
6.	" S. HENKEL,	NEW MARKET, VA.
7.	" D. EFIRD,	PINE RIDGE, S. C.
8.	" J. M. SMITH,	CANOVA, N. C.
9.	" I. CONDER,	MCGAHEYSVILLE, VA.
10.	" T. MILLER,	EDINBURG, VA.
11.	" J. S. BENNICK,	FORESTVILLE, VA.
12.	" J. N. STIREWALT,	STONY MAN, "
13.	" M. L. FOX,	SANDY CREEK, N. C.
14.	" A. L. CROUSE,	SUMMIT, S. C.
15.	" L. A. FOX,	WAYNESBORO', VA.
16.	" J. C. MOSER,	CHINA GROVE, N. C.
17.	" M. L. LITTLE,	SEAGLE'S STORE, "
18.	" J. P. STIREWALT,	NEW MARKET, VA.

during the N. C. Conference of the same, I publicly licensed, according to our formula, brothers J. C. Moser and M. L. Little, to perform the work of the ministry, until this session of our Synod, as directed.

Other matters of importance might be embraced in this report, but they may be brought up in some other way, and I close.

And now, beloved brethren, I vacate the chair to be filled by my successor, kindly thanking you, and praying God ever to govern, lead, and guide us by his counsel, and afterward receive us to glory, for his name sake. Amen.

J. M. SMITH,
PRESIDENT TENN. SYNOD.

An election for officers for ensuing year resulted as follows:

REV. L. A. FOX,	PRESIDENT.
" A. L. CROUSE,	RECORDING SECRETARY.
" J. M. SMITH,	CORRESP'DING SECRETARY.
MAJ. A. KOINER,	TREASURER.

Rev. A. Kimbal, Corresponding Delegate from the N. C. Synod, was received.

All papers addressed to Synod were called for and presented.

The President announced the following:

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. L. Fox, Messrs. J. C. Moser, A. Koiner and S. M. Roof.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. I. Conder, J. P. Stirewalt, Messrs. F. Smith, F. K. Beck and T. W. Bostian.

3. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. T. Crouse, H. Goodman and Mr. C. Bookman.

4. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, A. L. Crouse, Messrs. J. H. Conrad, A. L. Yount and D. L. Crouse.

5. *On Examination.*—Revs. A. J. Fox, T. Moser and J. R. Peterson.

6. *On Leave of Absence.*—Rev. H. Goodman, Messrs. I. L. Wagner and A. J. Jenkins.

7. *On Vacancies.*—Rev. S. Henkel.

Information concerning vacant congregations was called for. Rev. A. L. Crouse presented Crouse's Mission, in Alabama, which was referred to his care.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt presented Morning Star, Page County, Va., which was received into connection with this Synod;

also St. Jacob's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., was received.

On motion Rev. J. M. Smith was requested to visit Salem Church, Alexander Co., N. C.; also Revs. A. J.Fox and M. L. Little to attend to Bold Spring and Philadelphia, Caldwell Co., N. C., as soon and often as possible.

Beneficiary Treasurer's Report was received and referred to a committee.

Rev. H. Goodman moved to re-print our old Church Hymn Book. Action deferred.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. Kimbal.

SECOND SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson. Minutes read and approved.

Bresident announced the following committee on state of the Church for ensuing year: Revs. J. R. Peterson, D. Efird and I Conder.

Rev. A. J. Fox read the following report which was received.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to the North Carolina Synod.

In the providence of God, it was my privilege, as delegate from this Synod, to attend the last convention of the E. L. Synod of N. C., and was, in the main, very cordially received. The usual courtesy was extended to me, as your delegate, and as an individual.

That body of brethren manifest much zeal and energy in carrying forward the several liberal enterprises in which they are largely engaged. They are evidently accomplishing much good, and if they were only more fully united among themselves much greater good would be accomplished by them.

The convention was an unusually protracted one—continuing from Wednesday to the following Tuesday. The transactions were chiefly of a local nature. A preamble and resolution, in regard to a Union with this Synod, were adopted,—which, I learn, have been officially transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of this Synod, who will doubtless submit them in his Report,—from which you will learn that a sort of indefinite postponement of the matter was made; at least, the thing is placed in such a position as to supersede any action of this Synod upon the subject.

Rev. Whitson Kimball was elected Corresponding Delegate to this Synod

My traveling expenses were Fifteen Dollars.

A. J. FOX.

Mr. J. F. Moser, theological student, was received as an advisory member.

Committee on unfinished business reported. The report was received and considered by items.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your committee on unfinished business beg leave to submit the following:

On page 14, we find the following: *Resolved*, That the Va. Special Conference, be hereby constituted a committee to examine J. Paul Stirewalt as to his qualifications for the office of Pastor and, if found qualified, to ordain him to that office; has the resolution been complied with?

On page 15, wefind that the ministers composing the Conferences of each State be constituted a committee to re-district the charges in their State and report to the next annual meeting of Synod; has this been attended to?

Respectfully,

I. CONDER,
J. P. STIREWALT,
F. SMITH,
T. W. BOSTIAN.

Item No. 1, attended to.

Item No. 2. N. C. Conference complied.

Committee on President's Report, reported which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, the Committee on President's Report, have examined that document and find that it contains nothing requiring action from this body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. FOX,
J. C. MOSER,
A. KOINER,
S. M. ROOF.

Committee on letters and petitions reported, which was received and considered by items.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your committee on Letters and Petitions, submit the following:

No. 1, Is a letter from Rev. S. Henkel, in which he gives his excuse for non-attendance upon this meeting of Synod, and we suggest, that his letter be read before Synod.

No. 2, Is a letter from Rev. D. Efird, in which he states as his excuse for absence, that, according to resolution of the Church Council, one minister and two delegates compose the representation of congregations. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3*a*. Is a Letter from Rev. J. C. Barb, Corresponding Delegate from the Evangelical Holston Synod to this convention of our Synod, in which he expresses his regret that circumstances are such that he cannot be with us. We recommend that his letter be read.

No. 3*b*, Is a letter from our beneficiary, R. A. Yoder, stating why he is not at College. We suggest his letter be read before Synod.

No. 3*c*. Is a letter from licentiate, M. L. Little, in which he states that his situation at present is such that he cannot attend the present meeting of Synod. He asks that his examination and ordination take place through the N. C. Conference. He says he would like to see the By-laws and Rules of Order of this Synod appear in the Minutes of present convention.

No. 4, Is a petition from Trinity Church, in which the petitioners express their satisfaction with the labors of licentiate M. L. Little, and ask Synod to ordain him to the office of pastor, by the N. C. Conference of this Synod at its next meeting; they also pray for his services.

No. 5, Is a petition from Bethphage of similar import.

Nos. 6 and 7, Are petitions from Sardis and Daniel's Churches, in which they also pray for the examination and ordination of licentiate M. L. Little to the pastoral office.

No. 8, Is a petition from St. Mark's Church, Gaston Co., N. C., in which the petitioners ask for the ordination of M. L. Little as pastor. They ask for a continuation of his services, and also for the next Convention of Synod.

No. 9, Is a petition from Mt. Calvary Church, Page Co., Va., they ask for the next annual convention of Synod.

No. 10. Is a petition from Zion Church, Catawba County, N. C., in which the petitioners ask counsel in a matter of faith and life, respecting the propriety or impropriety of church members connecting themselves with secret, oath-bound societies, by asking Synod this question: "Is it right and proper for Christians to have connection with such societies?" They also express entire satisfaction with the services of Rev. J. M. Smith.

Resolved, That the Examining Committee of this Synod examine and ordain Mr. M. L. Little, to the office of Pastor, at the time of the next meeting of the N. C. Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
A. L. CROUSE,
A. L. YOUNT,
J. H. CONRAD,
D. L. CROUSE.

Item No 1,—Adopted, and Letter read. Rev. S. Henkel was excused.

Item No. 2.—Rev. D. Efird was not excused.

Item No. 3,—Adopted, and Letter read.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure the fraternal letter addressed to this Synod by Rev. J. C. Barb, the corresponding delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, and that we very much regret his inability to meet with us in the present convention of Synod.

Item No. 3,—adopted and letter read.

Items Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,—the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the license of Rev. M. L. Little be renewed to continue until he be examined by the Examining Committee.

Item Nos. 8, 9,—action deferred.

Item No. 10 was discussed and the following adopted:—That the petitioners be referred to the Scriptures and their pastor.

Synod adjourned for service. Prayer with Rev. M. L. Fox.

THIRD SESSION.

Synod resumed business.

Rev. C. Bernheim of N. C. Synod was received as an advisory member.

The following was passed:

Resolved, That on account of disorderly and rebellious conduct, the name of C. Moretz be stricken from the clerical roll of this Synod.

The motion to reprint our Church Hymn Book was considered and the following adopted:

Inasmuch as, this Synod has oral information that there

is a desire on the part of some that the Church Hymn Book be revised and re-published, and, *inasmuch as*, this Synod has, in her former conventions, declared such a thing impossible, and has as the best substitute, recommended the Church Book of the General Council, and, *inasmuch as*, several hundred copies have already been distributed among our congregations, be it,

Resolved, That we can see no good reason for renewing our action in regard to this matter, and therefore reaffirm our conviction of the impossibility of the thing. However, if the wishes of such as desire the revision of the Church Hymn Book can be gratified by individual enterprise, we have no objection, and will throw no obstacle in the way of the undertaking.

Rev. H. Goodman, Messrs. C. Bookman, J. L. Wagner, and D. D. Seitze recorded their names against it. The Treasurer handed in his report which was received and referred to a committee.

The corresponding delegate to the Virginia Synod read the following report which was received.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to Virginia Synod.

We are happy to be able to state, that we had the pleasure of attending the last annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Virginia Synod.

We were cordially received. These brethren seem to be actively and zealously engaged in the Master's work.—They have several very important missionary points. A more conservative element appears to pervade this body. They are aroused to a sense of their solemn duties, and are doing all they can to build up the waste places of Zion.

Respectfully,

S. HENKEL.

The corresponding delegate of the Holston Synod read the following report which was received:

Report of Corres. Delegate to Holston Synod.

Pursuant to election, I attended the last meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, and was received in the most friendly and fraternal manner.

The following was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we now unite with the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., was elected Delegate to the General Council. This Synod is fully alive to the interests and advancement of our Lutheran Zion. Unwillingly, we were compelled to leave before the rising of Synod. My expenses were eighteen dollars and thirty cents.

A. L. CROUSE.

Committee on Treasurer's Report of the Beneficiary Fund read the following Report which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Fund.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds, have done so, and find it correct. Respectfully submitted,

S. M. ROOF,
H. L. BOWERS,
M. F. COON.

Parochial Reports were read and received.

The following Corresponding Delegates were elected:

Rev. T. Moser, to North Carolina Synod; Rev. A. J. Fox, alternate.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt to Virginia Synod; I. Conder, alt'n'te.

Rev. J. M. Smith, to Holston Synod; Rev. D. Efird, alternate.

On motion, Rev. A. J. Fox' expenses, to N. C. Synod, were ordered to be refunded, also, Rev. A. L. Crouse's, to Holston Synod.

Revds. J. N. Stirewalt and T. Miller were excused for absence from this meeting, and Rev. J. S. Bennick was not excused.

Mt. Calvary Church, Page County, Va., was elected for next place of meeting, and Thursday before the First Sunday in September, 1875, as the time.

Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer with Rev. C. H. Bernheim.

FOURTH SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business. Prayer with Rev. J. C. Moser. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Treasurer's Report reported, which was received and adopted.

Committee's Report on Treasurer's Report.

We, your Committee to report on Treasurer's Report, have examined it, and find it correct.

T. CROUSE,
H. GOODMAN,
C. BOOKMAN.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds.

The Corresponding Secretary read the following Report, which was received and referred to a Committee.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

1. Soon after final adjournment of the last convention of the N. C. Synod, I was officially notified, by Rev. Prof. W. E. Hubbert, Corresponding Secretary of that body, of the following action:

"*Resolved*, That we reciprocate the fraternal feelings expressed by the Tennessee Synod, but, under existing circumstances, we deem it inexpedient to consider the proposition to hold a Conference of the two Synods."

2. The Minutes of the 44th Convention of the Synod of Virginia, held in Mt. Tabor, Augusta County, Virginia:—The following Officers were elected: Rev. R. C. Holland, President; Rev. D. M. Gilbert, Secretary; Rev. C. Beard, Treasurer. Nothing transacted requiring special action from our Synod.

3. The Minutes of the 49th Annual Convention of the South Carolina Synod, held in Mt. Pleasant, Barnwell Co., S. C., Oct. 16-21, 1873:—The following Officers were elected, Rev. P. Derrick, President; Rev H S. Wingard, Rec. Secretary; Rev. A. R. Rude, D. D., Cor. Secretary, and Maj. P. E. Wise, Treasurer. We find nothing requiring any action on our part.

4. The Minutes of the Indiana Synod, in its Third Convention:—This vigorous, young Synod has Fourteen Pastors, Thirty-five Congregations, and Eleven Hundred Communicants We should feel special interest in it, because several of its Pastors, and many of its Communicants, went from our Synod; and because it is doing very much to supply these families who have emigrated from our territory to that State. Its Officers are, Rev. J. H. Hunton, President; Rev. E. Wesner, Secretary; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Treas'r.

5. The Minutes of the Seventh Convention of the General Council, held at Erie, Pa., Oct. 16-20, 1873. The former Officers were re-elected. The Conference has, in its connection, Nine District Synods; Six Hundred and Eleven Ministers, and Eleven Hundred and Fifty Congregations. It appoint-

ed a Committee to co-operate with similar Committees from the other general bodies, and from Synods not in connection with any general body, in arranging for a general Colloquium of all Lutherans in America who accept, unqualifiedly, the Augsburg Confession.

6. The Minutes of the 33d Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South-Western Virginia. Rev. J. A. Brown was elected President; Rev. Prof. J. B. Greiner, Secretary, and Rev. A. Philippi, Treasurer.

I find the following resolution concerning a colloquium in the South:

"*Inasmuch as* conventions for fraternal unions and peaceful adjudication of former differences, in sections of churches, and denominational peculiarities are being held,

Resolved, That we in accordance with this spirit of peace and fraternal love now developed in the orthodox churches of America do all we can, not only to commend, but to secure a colloquium of the different divisions of the Lutheran Church in the Southern States; we recommend that this colloquium take place, and at such a time as the different Synods and representative bodies of the Lutheran Church may determine as expedient.

The object of such a recommended colloquium be the adoption of such measures as may anticipate a future union of those bodies of the same faith, in modes of operation, however remote the realization of such an object.

L. A. Fox.

The committee on State of the Church read the following report which was received:

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Nearly all the congregations in this Synod having failed to comply with the resolution adopted by the last convention of this Synod, requesting the council of every congregation to send up a written report of the State of their congregation,

Your committee have very little of the necessary matter to enable them to make a full, satisfactory or intelligent report. However, having some personal knowledge of the state of affairs, and having made some inquiry of our ministers and delegates, we will mention such facts as we are in possession of:

There are three sections of our Synod, and to them we will have reference respectively.

From the information we have it appears that the different pastorates in the State of Virginia are generally in a prosperous condition. All the congregations are supplied with the regular preaching of the Gospel, and the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and all our ministers are active, and some of them extensively engaged in the dis-

charge of their ministerial functions. From written statements and verbal information we learn that the congregations of one of our pastorates in the State of South Carolina is in a very good and prosperous condition, as much if not more so than for many years past. But from some cause or other, the other pastorate in South Carolina is not quite so favorably spoken of. However, there is nothing serious existing, and the pastorate may be said to enjoy reasonable prosperity.

Several of the pastorates in this State, North Carolina, are said to be in the enjoyment of as much prosperity as usual. All our ministers in this State are very extensively engaged in the good work of their Master. But we are sorry to report some of our congregations vacant, and, for the scarcity of our ministers, we know of no way by which they can soon be regularly supplied with the means of grace. Some of our congregations are considerably annoyed by the continual assaults of a man who represents a small faction, who call themselves Lutherans, who, indeed, claim to be the only true Lutherans in the country. They may be sound in doctrine, but are, to say the best of them, very irregular in their practices, and many of them disorderly in their moral conduct. We regret also to say, that we are credibly informed that, in at least one of our pastorates, some unpleasantness exists, and has for several years existed, between pastor and people, and some who are interested claim that their misunderstandings in one of the congregations in that pastorate are having a very deleterious effect upon the prosperity of that congregation. Should these statements be true, your committee would most respectfully inquire if the Synod should not take such action in this matter as may result in a speedy and amicable adjustment of these unhappy differences.

Your committee, embarrassed as we are for the want of sufficient data for our present report. would respectfully ask this Synod to adopt a resolution requiring a compliance with the resolution of last year, requiring the council of congregations to send up a written report of the condition of the church in their respective congregations.

A. J. Fox.
J. M. Smith.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Secretary to order annually the printing of all the standing resolutions of Synod upon the cover of our minutes.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer shall have as many copies of minutes printed as are called for, with as many extra copies as Synod shall order.

On motion, fifty extra copies were ordered.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this Synod be authorized to renew the license of Rev. J. C. Moser to continue until the next annual convention of this Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we continue to sustain Messrs. A. L. Yount and R. A. Yoder at college until they complete their full college course, provided the latter returns to the boundary of the Synod, and desires it, and do as much as we can to assist as many others as we may have the means to do.

The following standing resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each of our pastors be earnestly requested to preach at least one sermon to each of his congregations annually, upon the subject of "beneficiary education," and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod redouble their exertions to procure donations for beneficiary education.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That this Synod unanimously return its most sincere thanks to the members of this community, for the many acts of personal attention and kindness they have bestowed upon the members of this Synod, during our sojourn in their midst, and that the President publicly read this, accompanied with some suitable remarks, at the close of the first service in the grove on Sunday morning next.

Synod took a recess. Prayer with Rev. T. Moser.

FIFTH SESSION.

Synod resumed business.

Committee on report of Corresponding Secretary read the following report which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

We, the committee upon the report of the Corresponding Secretary of this Synod, having carefully examined that document, beg leave to submit the following resolution for the consideration of this meeting:

Resolved, That, with a desire to promote the unity of Spirit in the bounds of peace, we cordially approve the action of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in the United States, in calling for a Colloquium of all Lutherans in America who accept, unqualifiedly, the unaltered Augsburg Confession, and we hereby express the willingness to participate in the discussions of said Colloquium, whenever and wherever it shall convene, but do not deem it necessary to take any part in making arrangements for such meeting.

I. CONDER.
J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, Synod is to refund to Mr. A. Costner twelve dollars and seventy cents paid by him to its beneficiaries, also to refund to Messrs. A. L. Yount and R. A. Yoder the amounts due them, as soon as possible.

On motion, Mr. A. L. Yount is to be paid $100 for paying his expenses at college this year.

Minutes were read and approved.

Synod adjourned to meet at time and place elected.—Closing services by the President.

A. L. CROUSE,
SECRETARY.

Religious Exercises.

Rev. J. M. Smith, opening sermon, Eph. 4: 4.

J. W. Kimball, Friday, twelve m., from John 9: 4.

Mr. A. L. Yount, Friday night, at Conrad's School-house, From 1 Matt. 10: 32, 33.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Friday night, at the Church, from 1 John 4; 9, 10, 11.

Rev. A. J. Fox, Sunday m. from 2 Cor. 5, 19, 20.

Rev. T Moser, Saturday night, at Conrad's School-house.

SUNDAY.—Rev. I. Conder, morning, in Church, from —.

Rev. L. A. Fox, morning, at stand, from 1 Cor. 5, 7.

Rev. J. R Peterson, at stand, from Matt. 22, 1-14.

Confession and Absolution were attended to by Rev. T. Crouse, and the Lord's Supper administered to the Synod and congregation.

Rev. S. Henkel's Report, as Agent for the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

REV. S. HENKEL

In account with

E. L. TENN. SYNOD, DR.

1873,	Oct.	13.—	To am't from Mt. Zion Church,	$ 3 00	
"	"	"	To am't from St. Paul Church,	2 75	
1874,	Jan.	2,	To am't from Mrs. Mary M. Henkel,	3 50	
"	Sep.	28,	To am't from Emanuel Church for '73	14 52	
"	"	"	To am't from Emanuel Church for '74	12 03	
"	"	14	To am't from Mt Zion Church for '74	2 40	
"			To am't from individual	20	
					$38 40

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1873,	Oct.	13,—	By am't due him on former Settlement,	$ 7 45	
1874,	Sep.	28,	By am't inclosed, and sent by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	30 95	
					$38 40

Respectfully Submitted,

S. HENKEL.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. N. STIREWALT,

In Account with

E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD, DR.

Oct. 13, 1873.	Rec'd from former Treas'r,	$ 34 16	
"	for minutes,	65 95	
"	" 1872, of Rev. T. Moser,	3 00	
"	of Rev. A. J. Fox, for minutes, 1872,	5 70	
	Total Receipts,		$108 81

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Dec. 26, 1873.	Paid Henkel, Calvert & Co., printing minutes,	$ 50 00	
Dec. 31, 1873.	Paid F. Zeiler postage on minutes	4 47	
	By amount to balance,	54 34	
			$108 81

To am't on hand, balance,	$54 34
To am't due from Rev. D. Efird for minutes of 1872,	3 15

Respectfully Submitted,

J. N. STIREWALT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

I hereby submit my Report of transactions in connection with Beneficiary Fund for the last Synodical year:—Having, myself, been absent from home during the greater part of last winter, the business of the fund was transacted during that time by the kindness of Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox and Melchi Rhodes, Esq. Again, a portion of the Fund has been paid to Beneficiaries directly, without sending the amount to be credited to congregations: so that, if the Report is not as full as might be desired, I, for the above cited facts, beg the indulgence of Synod. I would yet venture to say, that there should be a better system adopted by Synod, to raise and disburse the Funds, as the last year was one of great anxiety to the Beneficiaries, and to the Treasurer of said Fund.

Fraternally, A. COSTNER.

A. COSTNER, *In Account with*

E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD. DR.

1873,	Oct. 10,—To	amount	on hand,	$ 12 76		
"	Nov. 16,	"	" from Rev. L. A. Fox ch'ge	10 00		
1874,	Jan. 3,	"	" Trinity Church, N. C.	9 50		
"	Jan. 3,	"	" from Salem Church, N. C.	13 65		
"	Apr. 3,	"	" " " " "	5 50		
"	Mar. 15,	"	" " St. Marks Church, "	5 00		
"	May 17,	"	" " " " " "	10 70		
"	May 17,	"	" from Daniels Church, "	4 00		
"	Apr. 3,	"	" from Sharon Church, "	3 40		
"	" 17,	"	" from Luth. Ch'p'l, "	19 50		
"	" "	"	" from St. Marks, Chp. "	5 30		
"	" "	"	" Philadelphia Ch'p'l, "	6 00		
"	" "	"	" from Christs Ch'p'l, "	6 50		
"	" 24,	"	" " Rev. T. Moser's, "	15 00		
"	June 2,	"	" " " " "	5 00		
"	" "	"	" " " " J. C. Moser's "	10 00		
"	Apr. 23,	"	" " " " J. M. Smith's "	32 85		
						$174 66

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1874,	June 1,—By	Cash to	R. A. Yoder,	$ 33 25	
"	" 3,	"	" "	12 00	
"	Mar. 26,	"	" "	15 00	
"	June 23,	"	" "	23 00	
"	Apr. 22-3	"	A. L. Yount,	73 85	
"	" 24	"	" J. F. Moser,	30 00	
Three Registered letters—see vouchers,				33	
					$187 43
					$174 66
					$12 77

I advanced to Mr. Yoder some of my private funds to pay a debt in Baltimore, contracted for books, which leaves to my credit $12 77.

Humbly and Fraternally Submitted,

A. COSTNER,

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered Ministry,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms,	Letters,	Deaths,	Removals,	Expulsions,	Sunday Schools,	S. S. Scholars,	Teachers,	Synodical,	Ben. Education,	Current Exp'uses	Other Objects,
Rev. A. J. FOX,	1838	11	1800	27		98		22			3			$16 50	$60 00	$ 900 00	
" M. L. LITTLE,																	
" J. M. SMITH,	1858	5	850	112		56		21						8 00	42 85		
" T. MOSER,	1844	4	200			13		3			2			3 00	12 00		
" J. C. MOSER,	1873	2	110			7	1	3	1					1 70	12 75		
" I. CONDER,	1861	4	196	9		9		5		1	3				33 00		
" H. GOODMAN,	1830	1	196	22		40								1 00			
" J. R. PETERSON,	1843	4	300	24	5	38		4	3					12 00	50 00		$2,800 00
" J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	3	350	42	16	45		5			2			1 60			
" S. HENKEL,	1850	3	293	6	2	20		9			3			4 00	18 13		
" L. A. FOX,	1864	1	86	1	1	6	2	2			1	40	8	1 00	10 00	650 10	350 00
" D. EFIRD,	1847	4	585	32		58		11			4						
" M. L. FOX,	1871	3	100			11								1 75	5 00		
" T. CROUSE,	1845	5	310	16	1	10		7							16 00	300 00	
" J. S. BENNICK,	1866	7	600	40	10	43		20			2			11 50	20 00		
" A. L. CROUSE,	1871	6	588	53	4	37	10	4	1		6	246	40	26 30	150 00	500 00	947 00
" J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	2	50			6								50			

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

ANNUAL MINUTES

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

OCTOBER 1-3, 1874.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

PILGRIM CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 1-3, 1874.

NEW MARKET, VA.:
HENKEL, CALVERT & CO., PRINTERS.
1874.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT,	Rev. L. A. FOX,
REC. SECRETARY,	" A. L. CROUSE,
CORRES. SECRETARY,	" J. M. SMITH,
TREASURER,	Maj. A. KOINER,
TREAS. OF BENEFICIARY FUND,	Rev. T. MOSER.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod will meet, (D. V.) in Mt. Calvary Church, Page County, Va., on Thursday before the First Sunday of October, 1875.

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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

The EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD, held its Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting, in Pilgrim Church, Davidson County, N. C., beginning on Thursday the 1st day of October, 1874. The opening sermon was preached by the President, from Eph. 4, 4, after which Synod was formally opened with suitable exercises, the clerical roll called, and certificates of lay delegates presented:

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	REV. H. GOODMAN,	STATESVILLE, N. C.
2.	" A. J. FOX,	NEWTON, N. C.
3.	" J. R. PETERSON,	DALLAS, "
4.	" T. MOSER,	MT. PLEASANT, N. C.
5.	" T. CROUSE,	LEXINGTON, "
6.	" S. HENKEL,	NEW MARKET, VA.
7.	" D. EFIRD,	PINE RIDGE, S. C.
8.	" J. M. SMITH,	CANOVA, N. C.
9.	" I. CONDER,	MCGAHEYSVILLE, VA.
10.	" T. MILLER,	EDINBURG, VA.
11.	" J. S. BENNICK,	FORESTVILLE, VA.
12.	" J. N. STIREWALT,	STONY MAN, "
13.	" M. L. FOX,	SANDY CREEK, N. C.
14.	" A. L. CROUSE,	SUMMIT, S. C.
15.	" L. A. FOX,	WAYNESBORO', VA.
16.	" J. C. MOSER,	CHINA GROVE, N. C.
17.	" M. L. LITTLE,	SEAGLE'S STORE, "
18.	" J. P. STIREWALT,	NEW MARKET, VA.

LAY DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches Represented.
F. K. BECK,	Grace, Salem and Sharon, N. C.
I. L. WAGNER,	St. Martin's.
T. W. BOSTIAN,	St. Peter's and Friendship.
M. F. COON,	Daniel's and St. Mark's.
J. F. HUDSON,	Sardis, Bethphage, and Trinity.
A. J. JENKINS,	Christ's and Lutheran Chapel.
D. L. CROUSE,	St. Martin's, Cabarrus County.
A. L. YOUNT,	Lutheran Union.
J. H. CONRAD,	Pilgrim's.
J. R. BECK,	New Jerusalem.
S. A. SWING,	Beck's.
H. L. BOWERS,	Emanuel.
C. BOOKMAN,	St. Jacob's, St. John's, St. Peter's and Bethlehem, S. C.
FRED'K SMITH,	St. John's, N. C.
D. E. FRY,	St. Stephen's.
D. D. SEITZE,	Zion.
S. E. KILLIAN,	St. Paul's.
J. P. GOODMAN,	Phanuel's and Mt. Moriah.
Maj. A. KOINER,	Bethlehem, Va.
Capt. S. M. ROOF,	Zion, Emanuel, St. Peter's, St. Paul's, Cedar Grove, and St. James, S. C.
P. J. RHINE,	Philadelphia, N. C.
N. P. EFIRD,	St. Martin's, Stanley County.
C. S. FOX,	Melancthon, N. C.

The President read his Report: which was received and referred to the proper Committee:

President's Report.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

By the kind care and providence of God, we are again permitted to meet in Synod, from different and distant parts of our favored land, to deliberate upon and devise the best means for building up and extending the kingdom of God upon earth.

The year now gone has been a season of much encouragement to us as individuals and as a Synod. Our heavenly Father has abundantly blessed us in things temporal and spiritual, and we are again under obligation to lift up our

hearts and bless his name, and renew our efforts in the work our Master has given us here to do.

It has pleased God to spare all our Ministers. No watchman, from our walls, has the cold hand of death silenced. All of our Ministers are still actively and extensively engaged in the Master's work, ministering the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; by which ministrations many are added unto the Church of the living God.

The number of our Ministers is still increasing, and we as a Synod should ever be mindful, that, "The harvest is plenteous, and the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Our churches are doing well in giving aid to our young men who are at school preparing for the work of the ministry. We hope the day is not distant, in our Synod, when a greater degree of liberality will be manifested in this good and needful work of Beneficiary education. Our churches must produce as well as consume Ministers. Our churches, it is to be hoped, will make every necessary effort to keep at College our present Beneficiaries, and will cheerfully respond to the call upon their purses for this good work, so lately begun by us as a Synod. Says St. Paul: "For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want.

Our Beneficiaries are making commendable progress in their studies—but, for the embarrassment of the want of means, one of our beneficiaries, R. A. Yoder, is not now at College; is laboring to procure means to complete his education. This ought not so to be. Our young brother, A. L. Yount, is at College and will continue until he graduates, which will be some time next year.

The standing of these our beneficiaries in N. C. College as per report of the President of that Institution, is commendable and praiseworthy.

Money spent upon these is as bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered hereafter. Money spent to fill up the ranks of the ministry will come back to us and our children with more than compound interest. "God loves a cheerful giver." "The liberal soul shall be made fat." When what is due from us to the cause of the Lord is withheld, it tendeth to poverty.

As presiding officer of our Synod, I now here give an account of what I found it my duty officially to perform, since the last meeting of our Synod.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

In the month of December, 1873, I granted letters of honorable dismission to Revds. P. C. Henkel and J. R. Moser, from our Synod to the "Lutheran Conference of Missouri."

Soon after the rising of the last convention of our Synod,

during the N. C. Conference of the same, I publicly licensed, according to our formula, brothers J. C. Moser and M. L. Little, to perform the work of the ministry, until this session of our Synod, as directed.

Other matters of importance might be embraced in this report, but they may be brought up in some other way, and I close.

And now, beloved brethren, I vacate the chair to be filled by my successor, kindly thanking you, and praying God ever to govern, lead, and guide us by his counsel, and afterward receive us to glory, for his name sake. Amen.

J. M. SMITH,
PRESIDENT TENN. SYNOD.

An election for officers for ensuing year resulted as follows:

REV. L. A. FOX,	PRESIDENT.
" A. L. CROUSE,	RECORDING SECRETARY.
" J. M. SMITH,	CORRESP'DING SECRETARY.
MAJ. A. KOINER,	TREASURER.

Rev. A. Kimbal, Corresponding Delegate from the N. C. Synod, was received.

All papers addressed to Synod were called for and presented.

The President announced the following:

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. L. Fox, Messrs. J. C. Moser, A. Koiner and S. M. Roof.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. I. Conder, J. P. Stirewalt, Messrs. F. Smith, F. K. Beck and T. W. Bostian.

3. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. T. Crouse, H. Goodman and Mr. C. Bookman.

4. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, A. L. Crouse, Messrs. J. H. Conrad, A. L. Yount and D. L. Crouse.

5. *On Examination.*—Revs. A. J. Fox, T. Moser and J. R. Peterson.

6. *On Leave of Absence.*—Rev. H. Goodman, Messrs. I. L. Wagner and A. J. Jenkins.

7. *On Vacancies.*—Rev. S. Henkel.

Information concerning vacant congregations was called for. Rev. A. L. Crouse presented Crouse's Mission, in Alabama, which was referred to his care.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt presented Morning Star, Page County, Va., which was received into connection with this Synod;

also St. Jacob's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., was received.

On motion Rev. J. M. Smith was requested to visit Salem Church, Alexander Co., N. C.; also Revs. A. J.Fox and M. L. Little to attend to Bold Spring and Philadelphia, Caldwell Co., N. C., as soon and often as possible.

Beneficiary Treasurer's Report was received and referred to a committee.

Rev. H. Goodman moved to re-print our old Church Hymn Book. Action deferred.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. Kimbal.

SECOND SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson. Minutes read and approved.

Bresident announced the following committee on state of the Church for ensuing year: Revs. J. R. Peterson, D. Efird and I Conder.

Rev. A. J. Fox read the following report which was received.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to the North Carolina Synod.

In the providence of God, it was my privilege, as delegate from this Synod, to attend the last convention of the E. L. Synod of N. C., and was, in the main, very cordially received. The usual courtesy was extended to me, as your delegate, and as an individual.

That body of brethren manifest much zeal and energy in carrying forward the several liberal enterprises in which they are largely engaged. They are evidently accomplishing much good, and if they were only more fully united among themselves much greater good would be accomplished by them.

The convention was an unusually protracted one—continuing from Wednesday to the following Tuesday. The transactions were chiefly of a local nature. A preamble and resolution, in regard to a Union with this Synod, were adopted,—which, I learn, have been officially transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of this Synod, who will doubtless submit them in his Report,—from which you will learn that a sort of indefinite postponement of the matter was made; at least, the thing is placed in such a position as to supersede any action of this Synod upon the subject.

Rev. Whitson Kimball was elected Corresponding Delegate to this Synod

My traveling expenses were Fifteen Dollars.

A. J. FOX.

Mr. J. F. Moser, theological student, was received as an advisory member.

Committee on unfinished business reported. The report was received and considered by items.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your committee on unfinished business beg leave to submit the following:

On page 14, we find the following: *Resolved*, That the Va. Special Conference, be hereby constituted a committee to examine J. Paul Stirewalt as to his qualifications for the office of Pastor and, if found qualified, to ordain him to that office; has the resolution been complied with?

On page 15, wefind that the ministers composing the Conferences of each State be constituted a committee to re-district the charges in their State and report to the next annual meeting of Synod; has this been attended to?

Respectfully,

I. CONDER,
J. P. STIREWALT,
F. SMITH,
T. W. BOSTIAN.

Item No. 1, attended to.

Item No. 2. N. C. Conference complied.

Committee on President's Report, reported which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, the Committee on President's Report, have examined that document and find that it contains nothing requiring action from this body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. FOX,
J. C. MOSER,
A. KOINER,
S. M. ROOF.

Committee on letters and petitions reported, which was received and considered by items.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your committee on Letters and Petitions, submit the following:

No. 1, Is a letter from Rev. S. Henkel, in which he gives his excuse for non-attendance upon this meeting of Synod, and we suggest, that his letter be read before Synod.

No. 2, Is a letter from Rev. D. Efird, in which he states as his excuse for absence, that, according to resolution of the Church Council, one minister and two delegates compose the representation of congregations. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3*a*. Is a Letter from Rev. J. C. Barb, Corresponding Delegate from the Evangelical Holston Synod to this convention of our Synod, in which he expresses his regret that circumstances are such that he cannot be with us. We recommend that his letter be read.

No. 3*b*, Is a letter from our beneficiary, R. A. Yoder, stating why he is not at College. We suggest his letter be read before Synod.

No. 3*c*. Is a letter from licentiate, M. L. Little, in which he states that his situation at present is such that he cannot attend the present meeting of Synod. He asks that his examination and ordination take place through the N. C. Conference. He says he would like to see the By-laws and Rules of Order of this Synod appear in the Minutes of present convention.

No. 4, Is a petition from Trinity Church, in which the petitioners express their satisfaction with the labors of licentiate M. L. Little, and ask Synod to ordain him to the office of pastor, by the N. C. Conference of this Synod at its next meeting; they also pray for his services.

No. 5, Is a petition from Bethphage of similar import.

Nos. 6 and 7, Are petitions from Sardis and Daniel's Churches, in which they also pray for the examination and ordination of licentiate M. L. Little to the pastoral office.

No. 8, Is a petition from St. Mark's Church, Gaston Co., N. C., in which the petitioners ask for the ordination of M. L. Little as pastor. They ask for a continuation of his services, and also for the next Convention of Synod.

No. 9, Is a petition from Mt. Calvary Church, Page Co., Va., they ask for the next annual convention of Synod.

No. 10. Is a petition from Zion Church, Catawba County, N. C., in which the petitioners ask counsel in a matter of faith and life, respecting the propriety or impropriety of church members connecting themselves with secret, oath-bound societies, by asking Synod this question: "Is it right and proper for Christians to have connection with such societies?" They also express entire satisfaction with the services of Rev. J. M. Smith.

Resolved, That the Examining Committee of this Synod examine and ordain Mr. M. L. Little, to the office of Pastor, at the time of the next meeting of the N. C. Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
A. L. CROUSE,
A. L. YOUNT,
J. H. CONRAD,
D. L. CROUSE.

Item No 1,—Adopted, and Letter read. Rev. S. Henkel was excused.

Item No. 2.—Rev. D. Efird was not excused.

Item No. 3,—Adopted, and Letter read.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure the fraternal letter addressed to this Synod by Rev. J. C. Barb, the corresponding delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, and that we very much regret his inability to meet with us in the present convention of Synod.

Item No. 3,—adopted and letter read.

Items Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,—the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the license of Rev. M. L. Little be renewed to continue until he be examined by the Examining Committee.

Item Nos. 8, 9,—action deferred.

Item No. 10 was discussed and the following adopted:—That the petitioners be referred to the Scriptures and their pastor.

Synod adjourned for service. Prayer with Rev. M. L. Fox.

THIRD SESSION.

Synod resumed business.

Rev. C. Bernheim of N. C. Synod was received as an advisory member.

The following was passed:

Resolved, That on account of disorderly and rebellious conduct, the name of C. Moretz be stricken from the clerical roll of this Synod.

The motion to reprint our Church Hymn Book was considered and the following adopted:

Inasmuch as, this Synod has oral information that there

is a desire on the part of some that the Church Hymn Book be revised and re-published, and, *inasmuch as*, this Synod has, in her former conventions, declared such a thing impossible, and has as the best substitute, recommended the Church Book of the General Council, and, *inasmuch as*, several hundred copies have already been distributed among our congregations, be it,

Resolved, That we can see no good reason for renewing our action in regard to this matter, and therefore reaffirm our conviction of the impossibility of the thing. However, if the wishes of such as desire the revision of the Church Hymn Book can be gratified by individual enterprise, we have no objection, and will throw no obstacle in the way of the undertaking.

Rev. H. Goodman, Messrs. C. Bookman, J. L. Wagner, and D. D. Seitze recorded their names against it. The Treasurer handed in his report which was received and referred to a committee.

The corresponding delegate to the Virginia Synod read the following report which was received.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to Virginia Synod.

We are happy to be able to state, that we had the pleasure of attending the last annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Virginia Synod.

We were cordially received. These brethren seem to be actively and zealously engaged in the Master's work.—They have several very important missionary points. A more conservative element appears to pervade this body. They are aroused to a sense of their solemn duties, and are doing all they can to build up the waste places of Zion.

Respectfully,

S. HENKEL.

The corresponding delegate of the Holston Synod read the following report which was received:

Report of Corres. Delegate to Holston Synod.

Pursuant to election, I attended the last meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, and was received in the most friendly and fraternal manner.

The following was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we now unite with the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., was elected Delegate to the General Council. This Synod is fully alive to the interests and advancement of our Lutheran Zion. Unwillingly, we were compelled to leave before the rising of Synod. My expenses were eighteen dollars and thirty cents.

A. L. CROUSE.

Committee on Treasurer's Report of the Beneficiary Fund read the following Report which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Fund.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds, have done so, and find it correct. Respectfully submitted,

S. M. ROOF,
H. L. BOWERS,
M. F. COON.

Parochial Reports were read and received.

The following Corresponding Delegates were elected:

Rev. T. Moser, to North Carolina Synod; Rev. A. J. Fox, alternate.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt to Virginia Synod; I. Conder, alt'n'te.

Rev. J. M. Smith, to Holston Synod; Rev. D. Efird, alternate.

On motion, Rev. A. J. Fox' expenses, to N. C. Synod, were ordered to be refunded, also, Rev. A. L. Crouse's, to Holston Synod.

Revds. J. N. Stirewalt and T. Miller were excused for absence from this meeting, and Rev. J. S. Bennick was not excused.

Mt. Calvary Church, Page County, Va., was elected for next place of meeting, and Thursday before the First Sunday in September, 1875, as the time.

Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer with Rev. C. H. Bernheim.

FOURTH SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business. Prayer with Rev. J. C. Moser. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Treasurer's Report reported, which was received and adopted.

Committee's Report on Treasurer's Report.

We, your Committee to report on Treasurer's Report, have examined it, and find it correct.

T. CROUSE,
H. GOODMAN,
C. BOOKMAN.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds.

The Corresponding Secretary read the following Report, which was received and referred to a Committee.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

1. Soon after final adjournment of the last convention of the N. C. Synod, I was officially notified, by Rev. Prof. W. E. Hubbert, Corresponding Secretary of that body, of the following action:

"*Resolved*, That we reciprocate the fraternal feelings expressed by the Tennessee Synod, but, under existing circumstances, we deem it inexpedient to consider the proposition to hold a Conference of the two Synods."

2. The Minutes of the 44th Convention of the Synod of Virginia, held in Mt. Tabor, Augusta County, Virginia:—The following Officers were elected: Rev. R. C. Holland, President; Rev. D. M. Gilbert, Secretary; Rev. C. Beard, Treasurer. Nothing transacted requiring special action from our Synod.

3. The Minutes of the 49th Annual Convention of the South Carolina Synod, held in Mt. Pleasant, Barnwell Co., S. C., Oct. 16-21, 1873:—The following Officers were elected, Rev. P. Derrick, President; Rev. H. S. Wingard, Rec. Secretary; Rev. A. R. Rude, D. D., Cor. Secretary, and Maj. P. E. Wise, Treasurer. We find nothing requiring any action on our part.

4. The Minutes of the Indiana Synod, in its Third Convention:—This vigorous, young Synod has Fourteen Pastors, Thirty-five Congregations, and Eleven Hundred Communicants. We should feel special interest in it, because several of its Pastors, and many of its Communicants, went from our Synod; and because it is doing very much to supply these families who have emigrated from our territory to that State. Its Officers are, Rev. J. H. Hunton, President; Rev. E. Wesner, Secretary; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Treas'r.

5. The Minutes of the Seventh Convention of the General Council, held at Erie, Pa., Oct. 16-20, 1873. The former Officers were re-elected. The Conference has, in its connection, Nine District Synods; Six Hundred and Eleven Ministers, and Eleven Hundred and Fifty Congregations. It appoint-

ed a Committee to co-operate with similar Committees from the other general bodies, and from Synods not in connection with any general body, in arranging for a general Colloquium of all Lutherans in America who accept, unqualifiedly, the Augsburg Confession.

6. The Minutes of the 33d Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South-Western Virginia. Rev. J. A. Brown was elected President; Rev. Prof. J. B. Greiner, Secretary, and Rev. A. Philippi, Treasurer.

I find the following resolution concerning a colloquium in the South:

"*Inasmuch as* conventions for fraternal unions and peaceful adjudication of former differences, in sections of churches, and denominational peculiarities are being held,

Resolved, That we in accordance with this spirit of peace and fraternal love now developed in the orthodox churches of America do all we can, not only to commend, but to secure a colloquium of the different divisions of the Lutheran Church in the Southern States; we recommend that this colloquium take place, and at such a time as the different Synods and representative bodies of the Lutheran Church may determine as expedient.

The object of such a recommended colloquium be the adoption of such measures as may anticipate a future union of those bodies of the same faith, in modes of operation, however remote the realization of such an object.

L. A. Fox.

The committee on State of the Church read the following report which was received:

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Nearly all the congregations in this Synod having failed to comply with the resolution adopted by the last convention of this Synod, requesting the council of every congregation to send up a written report of the State of their congregation,

Your committee have very little of the necessary matter to enable them to make a full, satisfactory or intelligent report. However, having some personal knowledge of the state of affairs, and having made some inquiry of our ministers and delegates, we will mention such facts as we are in possession of:

There are three sections of our Synod, and to them we will have reference respectively.

From the information we have it appears that the different pastorates in the State of Virginia are generally in a prosperous condition. All the congregations are supplied with the regular preaching of the Gospel, and the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and all our ministers are active, and some of them extensively engaged in the dis-

charge of their ministerial functions. From written statements and verbal information we learn that the congregations of one of our pastorates in the State of South Carolina is in a very good and prosperous condition, as much if not more so than for many years past. But from some cause or other, the other pastorate in South Carolina is not quite so favorably spoken of. However, there is nothing serious existing, and the pastorate may be said to enjoy reasonable prosperity.

Several of the pastorates in this State, North Carolina, are said to be in the enjoyment of as much prosperity as usual. All our ministers in this State are very extensively engaged in the good work of their Master. But we are sorry to report some of our congregations vacant, and, for the scarcity of our ministers, we know of no way by which they can soon be regularly supplied with the means of grace. Some of our congregations are considerably annoyed by the continual assaults of a man who represents a small faction, who call themselves Lutherans, who, indeed, claim to be the only true Lutherans in the country. They may be sound in doctrine, but are, to say the best of them, very irregular in their practices, and many of them disorderly in their moral conduct. We regret also to say, that we are credibly informed that, in at least one of our pastorates, some unpleasantness exists, and has for several years existed, between pastor and people, and some who are interested claim that their misunderstandings in one of the congregations in that pastorate are having a very deleterious effect upon the prosperity of that congregation. Should these statements be true, your committee would most respectfully inquire if the Synod should not take such action in this matter as may result in a speedy and amicable adjustment of these unhappy differences.

Your committee, embarrassed as we are for the want of sufficient data for our present report. would respectfully ask this Synod to adopt a resolution requiring a compliance with the resolution of last year, requiring the council of congregations to send up a written report of the condition of the church in their respective congregations.

A. J. Fox.
J. M. Smith.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Secretary to order annually the printing of all the standing resolutions of Synod upon the cover of our minutes.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer shall have as many copies of minutes printed as are called for, with as many extra copies as Synod shall order.

On motion, fifty extra copies were ordered.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this Synod be authorized to renew the license of Rev. J. C. Moser to continue until the next annual convention of this Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we continue to sustain Messrs. A. L. Yount and R. A. Yoder at college until they complete their full college course, provided the latter returns to the boundary of the Synod, and desires it, and do as much as we can to assist as many others as we may have the means to do.

The following standing resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each of our pastors be earnestly requested to preach at least one sermon to each of his congregations annually, upon the subject of "beneficiary education," and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod redouble their exertions to procure donations for beneficiary education.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That this Synod unanimously return its most sincere thanks to the members of this community, for the many acts of personal attention and kindness they have bestowed upon the members of this Synod, during our sojourn in their midst, and that the President publicly read this, accompanied with some suitable remarks, at the close of the first service in the grove on Sunday morning next.

Synod took a recess. Prayer with Rev. T. Moser.

FIFTH SESSION.

Synod resumed business.

Committee on report of Corresponding Secretary read the following report which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

We, the committee upon the report of the Corresponding Secretary of this Synod, having carefully examined that document, beg leave to submit the following resolution for the consideration of this meeting:

Resolved, That, with a desire to promote the unity of Spirit in the bounds of peace, we cordially approve the action of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in the United States, in calling for a Colloquium of all Lutherans in America who accept, unqualifiedly, the unaltered Augsburg Confession, and we hereby express the willingness to participate in the discussions of said Colloquium, whenever and wherever it shall convene, but do not deem it necessary to take any part in making arrangements for such meeting.

I. CONDER.
J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, Synod is to refund to Mr. A. Costner twelve dollars and seventy cents paid by him to its beneficiaries, also to refund to Messrs. A. L. Yount and R. A. Yoder the amounts due them, as soon as possible.

On motion, Mr. A. L. Yount is to be paid $100 for paying his expenses at college this year.

Minutes were read and approved.

Synod adjourned to meet at time and place elected.—Closing services by the President.

A. L. CROUSE,
SECRETARY.

Religious Exercises.

Rev. J. M. Smith, opening sermon, Eph. 4: 4.

J. W. Kimball, Friday, twelve m., from John 9: 4.

Mr. A. L. Yount, Friday night, at Conrad's School-house, From 1 Matt. 10: 32, 33.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Friday night, at the Church, from 1 John 4; 9, 10, 11.

Rev. A. J. Fox, Sunday m. from 2 Cor. 5, 19, 20.

Rev. T Moser, Saturday night, at Conrad's School-house.

SUNDAY.—Rev. I. Conder, morning, in Church, from —.

Rev. L. A. Fox, morning, at stand, from 1 Cor. 5, 7.

Rev. J. R Peterson, at stand, from Matt. 22, 1--14.

Confession and Absolution were attended to by Rev. T. Crouse, and the Lord's Supper administered to the Synod and congregation.

Rev. S. Henkel's Report, as Agent for the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

REV. S. HENKEL

In account with

E. L. TENN. SYNOD, DR.

1873,	Oct.	13.—To am't from Mt. Zion Church,	$ 3 00		
"	"	" To am't from St. Paul Church,	2 75		
1874,	Jan.	2, To am't from Mrs. Mary M. Henkel,	3 50		
"	Sep.	28, To am't from Emanuel Church for '73	14 52		
"	"	" To am't from Emanuel Church for '74	12 03		
"	"	14 To am't from Mt Zion Church for '74	2 40		
"		To am't from individual	20		
					$38 40

CR.

1873,	Oct. 13,—By am't due him on former Settlement,	$ 7 45	
1874,	Sep. 28, By am't inclosed, and sent by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	30 95	
			$38 40

Respectfully Submitted,

S. HENKEL.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. N. STIREWALT,

In Account with

E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD, DR.

Oct. 13, 1873.	Rec'd from former Treas'r,	$ 34 16	
"	for minutes,	65 95	
"	" 1872,		
	of Rev. T. Moser,	3 00	
"	of Rev. A. J. Fox, for minutes, 1872,	5 70	
	Total Receipts,		$108 81

CR.

Dec. 26, 1873.	Paid Henkel, Calvert & Co., printing minutes,	$ 50 00	
Dec. 31, 1873.	Paid F. Zeiler postage on minutes	4 47	
	By amount to balance,	54 34	
			$108 81

To am't on hand, balance,	$54 34
To am't due from Rev. D. Efird for minutes of 1872,	3 15

Respectfully Submitted,

J. N. STIREWALT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

I hereby submit my Report of transactions in connection with Beneficiary Fund for the last Synodical year:—Having, myself, been absent from home during the greater part of last winter, the business of the fund was transacted during that time by the kindness of Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox and Melchi Rhodes, Esq. Again, a portion of the Fund has been paid to Beneficiaries directly, without sending the amount to be credited to congregations: so that, if the Report is not as full as might be desired, I, for the above cited facts, beg the indulgence of Synod. I would yet venture to say, that there should be a better system adopted by Synod, to raise and disburse the Funds, as the last year was one of great anxiety to the Beneficiaries, and to the Treasurer of said Fund.

Fraternally, A. COSTNER.

A. COSTNER, *In Account with*

E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD. DR.

1873,	Oct. 10,—To	amount	on hand,	$ 12 76	
"	Nov. 16, "	"	from Rev. L. A. Fox ch'ge	10 00	
1874,	Jan. 3, "	"	Trinity Church, N. C.	9 50	
"	Jan. 3, "	"	from Salem Church, N. C.	13 65	
"	Apr. 3, "	"	" " " "	5 50	
"	Mar. 15, "	"	" St. Marks Church, "	5 00	
"	May 17, "	"	" " " " "	10 70	
"	May 17, "	"	from Daniels Church, "	4 00	
"	Apr. 3, "	"	from Sharon Church, "	3 40	
"	" 17, "	"	from Luth. Ch'p'l. "	19 50	
"	" " "	"	from St. Marks, Chp. "	5 30	
"	" " "	"	Philadelphia Ch'p'l, "	6 00	
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I advanced to Mr. Yoder some of my private funds to pay a debt in Baltimore, contracted for books, which leaves to my credit $12 77.

Humbly and Fraternally Submitted,

A. COSTNER,

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered Ministry,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms,	Letters,	Deaths,	Removals,	Expulsions,	Sunday Schools,	S. S. Scholars,	Teachers,	Synodical,	Ben. Education,	Current Exp'nses	Other Objects,
Rev. A. J. FOX,	1838	11	1800	27		98		22			3			$10 50	$60 00	$ 900 00	
" M. L. LITTLE,																	
" J. M. SMITH,	1858	5	850	112		56		21						8 00	42 85		
" T. MOSER,	1844	4	200			13		3			2			3 00	12 00		
" J. C. MOSER,	1873	2	110			7	1	3	1					1 70	12 75		
" I. CONDER,	1861	4	196	9		9		5		1	3				33 00		
" H. GOODMAN,	1830	1	196	22		40								1 00			
" J. R. PETERSON,	1843	4	300	24	5	38		4	3					12 00	50 00		$2,800 00
" J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	3	350	42	16	45		5			2			1 60			
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" L. A. FOX,	1864	1	86	1	1	6	2	2			1	40	8	1 00	10 00	650 10	350 00
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" J. S. BENNICK,	1866	7	600	40	10	43		20			2			11 50	20 00		
" A. L. CROUSE,	1871	6	588	53	4	37	10	4	1		6	246	40	26 30	150 00	500 00	947 00
" J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	2	50			6								50			

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted: but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

ANNUAL MINUTES

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD.

OCTOBER 1-8, 1874.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

PILGRIM CHURCH, DAVIDSON COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 1-3, 1874.

NEW MARKET, VA.:
HENKEL, CALVERT & CO., PRINTERS.
1874.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT,	Rev. L. A. FOX,
REC. SECRETARY,	" A. L. CROUSE,
CORRES. SECRETARY,	" J. M. SMITH,
TREASURER,	Maj. A. KOINER,
TREAS. OF BENEFICIARY FUND,	Rev. T. MOSER.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod will meet, (D. V.) in Mt. Calvary Church, Page County, Va., on Thursday before the First Sunday of October, 1875.

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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, held its Fifty-Fourth Annual Meeting, in Pilgrim Church, Davidson County, N. C., beginning on Thursday the 1st day of October, 1874. The opening sermon was preached by the President, from Eph. 4, 4, after which Synod was formally opened with suitable exercises, the clerical roll called, and certificates of lay delegates presented:

MINISTERS.

Names.	Residences.
1. Rev. H. GOODMAN,	Statesville, N. C.
2. " A. J. FOX,	Newton, N. C.
3. " J. R. PETERSON,	Dallas, "
4. " T. MOSER,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
5. " T. CROUSE,	Lexington, "
6. " S. HENKEL,	New Market, Va.
7. " D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
8. " J. M. SMITH,	Canova, N. C.
9. " I. CONDER,	McGaheysville, Va.
10. " T. MILLER,	Edinburg, Va.
11. " J. S. BENNICK,	Forestville, Va.
12. " J. N. STIREWALT,	Stony Man, "
13. " M. L. FOX,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
14. " A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
15. " L. A. FOX,	Waynesboro', Va.
16. " J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, N. C.
17. " M. L. LITTLE,	Seagle's Store, "
18. " J. P. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va.

LAY DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches Represented.
F. K. BECK,	Grace, Salem and Sharon, N. C.
I. L. WAGNER,	St. Martin's.
T. W. BOSTIAN,	St. Peter's and Friendship.
M. F. COON,	Daniel's and St. Mark's.
J. F. HUDSON,	Sardis, Bethphage, and Trinity.
A. J. JENKINS,	Christ's and Lutheran Chapel.
D. L. CROUSE,	St. Martin's, Cabarrus County.
A. L. YOUNT,	Lutheran Union.
J. H. CONRAD,	Pilgrim's.
J. R. BECK,	New Jerusalem.
S. A. SWING,	Beck's.
H. L. BOWERS,	Emanuel.
C. BOOKMAN,	St. Jacob's, St. John's, St. Peter's and Bethlehem, S. C.
FRED'K SMITH,	St. John's, N. C.
D. E. FRY,	St. Stephen's.
D. D. SEITZE,	Zion.
S. E. KILLIAN,	St. Paul's.
J. P. GOODMAN,	Phanuel's and Mt. Moriah.
Maj. A. KOINER,	Bethlehem, Va.
Capt. S. M. ROOF,	Zion, Emanuel, St. Peter's, St. Paul's, Cedar Grove, and St. James, S. C.
P. J. RHINE,	Philadelphia, N. C.
N. P. EFIRD,	St. Martin's, Stanley County.
C. S. FOX,	Melancthon, N. C.

The President read his Report: which was received and referred to the proper Committee:

President's Report.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

By the kind care and providence of God, we are again permitted to meet in Synod, from different and distant parts of our favored land, to deliberate upon and devise the best means for building up and extending the kingdom of God upon earth.

The year now gone has been a season of much encouragement to us as individuals and as a Synod. Our heavenly Father has abundantly blessed us in things temporal and spiritual, and we are again under obligation to lift up our

hearts and bless his name, and renew our efforts in the work our Master has given us here to do.

It has pleased God to spare all our Ministers. No watchman, from our walls, has the cold hand of death silenced. All of our Ministers are still actively and extensively engaged in the Master's work, ministering the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; by which ministrations many are added unto the Church of the living God.

The number of our Ministers is still increasing, and we as a Synod should ever be mindful, that, "The harvest is plenteous, and the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Our churches are doing well in giving aid to our young men who are at school preparing for the work of the ministry. We hope the day is not distant, in our Synod, when a greater degree of liberality will be manifested in this good and needful work of Beneficiary education. Our churches must produce as well as consume Ministers. Our churches, it is to be hoped, will make every necessary effort to keep at College our present Beneficiaries, and will cheerfully respond to the call upon their purses for this good work, so lately begun by us as a Synod. Says St. Paul: "For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want.

Our Beneficiaries are making commendable progress in their studies—but, for the embarrassment of the want of means, one of our beneficiaries, R. A. Yoder, is not now at College; is laboring to procure means to complete his education. This ought not so to be. Our young brother, A. L. Yount, is at College and will continue until he graduates, which will be some time next year.

The standing of these our beneficiaries in N. C. College as per report of the President of that Institution, is commendable and praiseworthy.

Money spent upon these is as bread cast upon the waters, to be gathered hereafter. Money spent to fill up the ranks of the ministry will come back to us and our children with more than compound interest. "God loves a cheerful giver." "The liberal soul shall be made fat." When what is due from us to the cause of the Lord is withheld, it tendeth to poverty.

As presiding officer of our Synod, I now here give an account of what I found it my duty officially to perform, since the last meeting of our Synod.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

In the month of December, 1873, I granted letters of honorable dismission to Revds. P. C. Henkel and J. R. Moser, from our Synod to the "Lutheran Conference of Missouri."

Soon after the rising of the last convention of our Synod,

during the N. C. Conference of the same, I publicly licensed, according to our formula, brothers J. C. Moser and M. L. Little, to perform the work of the ministry, until this session of our Synod, as directed.

Other matters of importance might be embraced in this report, but they may be brought up in some other way, and I close.

And now, beloved brethren, I vacate the chair to be filled by my successor, kindly thanking you, and praying God ever to govern, lead, and guide us by his counsel, and afterward receive us to glory, for his name sake. Amen.

J. M. SMITH,
PRESIDENT TENN. SYNOD.

An election for officers for ensuing year resulted as follows:

REV. L. A. FOX,	PRESIDENT.
" A. L. CROUSE,	RECORDING SECRETARY.
" J. M. SMITH,	CORRESP'DING SECRETARY.
MAJ. A. KOINER,	TREASURER.

Rev. A. Kimbal, Corresponding Delegate from the N. C. Synod, was received.

All papers addressed to Synod were called for and presented.

The President announced the following:

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. L. Fox, Messrs. J. C. Moser, A. Koiner and S. M. Roof.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. I. Conder, J. P. Stirewalt, Messrs. F. Smith, F. K. Beck and T. W. Bostian.

3. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. T. Crouse, H. Goodman and Mr. C. Bookman.

4. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, A. L. Crouse, Messrs. J. H. Conrad, A. L. Yount and D. L. Crouse.

5. *On Examination.*—Revs. A. J. Fox, T. Moser and J. R. Peterson.

6. *On Leave of Absence.*—Rev. H. Goodman, Messrs. I. L. Wagner and A. J. Jenkins.

7. *On Vacancies.*—Rev. S. Henkel.

Information concerning vacant congregations was called for. Rev. A. L. Crouse presented Crouse's Mission, in Alabama, which was referred to his care.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt presented Morning Star, Page County, Va., which was received into connection with this Synod;

also St. Jacob's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., was received.

On motion Rev. J. M. Smith was requested to visit Salem Church, Alexander Co., N. C.; also Revs. A. J.Fox and M. L. Little to attend to Bold Spring and Philadelphia, Caldwell Co., N. C., as soon and often as possible.

Beneficiary Treasurer's Report was received and referred to a committee.

Rev. H. Goodman moved to re-print our old Church Hymn Book. Action deferred.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half-past eight o'clock. Prayer by Rev. W. Kimbal.

SECOND SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Peterson. Minutes read and approved.

Bresident announced the following committee on state of the Church for ensuing year: Revs. J. R. Peterson, D. Efird and I Conder.

Rev. A. J. Fox read the following report which was received.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to the North Carolina Synod.

In the providence of God, it was my privilege, as delegate from this Synod, to attend the last convention of the E. L. Synod of N. C., and was, in the main, very cordially received. The usual courtesy was extended to me, as your delegate, and as an individual.

That body of brethren manifest much zeal and energy in carrying forward the several liberal enterprises in which they are largely engaged. They are evidently accomplishing much good, and if they were only more fully united among themselves much greater good would be accomplished by them.

The convention was an unusually protracted one—continuing from Wednesday to the following Tuesday. The transactions were chiefly of a local nature. A preamble and resolution, in regard to a Union with this Synod, were adopted,—which, I learn, have been officially transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary of this Synod, who will doubtless submit them in his Report,—from which you will learn that a sort of indefinite postponement of the matter was made; at least, the thing is placed in such a position as to supersede any action of this Synod upon the subject.

Rev. Whitson Kimball was elected Corresponding Delegate to this Synod

My traveling expenses were Fifteen Dollars.

A. J. FOX.

Mr. J. F. Moser, theological student, was received as an advisory member.

Committee on unfinished business reported. The report was received and considered by items.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your committee on unfinished business beg leave to submit the following:

On page 14, we find the following: *Resolved*, That the Va. Special Conference, be hereby constituted a committee to examine J. Paul Stirewalt as to his qualifications for the office of Pastor and, if found qualified, to ordain him to that office; has the resolution been complied with?

On page 15, wefind that the ministers composing the Conferences of each State be constituted a committee to re-district the charges in their State and report to the next annual meeting of Synod; has this been attended to?

Respectfully,

I. CONDER,
J. P. STIREWALT,
F. SMITH,
T. W. BOSTIAN.

Item No. 1, attended to.

Item No. 2. N. C. Conference complied.

Committee on President's Report, reported which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, the Committee on President's Report, have examined that document and find that it contains nothing requiring action from this body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. FOX,
J. C. MOSER,
A. KOINER,
S. M. ROOF.

Committee on letters and petitions reported, which was received and considered by items.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your committee on Letters and Petitions, submit the following:

No. 1, Is a letter from Rev. S. Henkel, in which he gives his excuse for non-attendance upon this meeting of Synod, and we suggest, that his letter be read before Synod.

No. 2, Is a letter from Rev. D. Efird, in which he states as his excuse for absence, that, according to resolution of the Church Council, one minister and two delegates compose the representation of congregations. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3*a*. Is a Letter from Rev. J. C. Barb, Corresponding Delegate from the Evangelical Holston Synod to this convention of our Synod, in which he expresses his regret that circumstances are such that he cannot be with us. We recommend that his letter be read.

No. 3*b*, Is a letter from our beneficiary, R. A. Yoder, stating why he is not at College. We suggest his letter be read before Synod.

No. 3*c*. Is a letter from licentiate, M. L. Little, in which he states that his situation at present is such that he cannot attend the present meeting of Synod. He asks that his examination and ordination take place through the N. C. Conference. He says he would like to see the By-laws and Rules of Order of this Synod appear in the Minutes of present convention.

No. 4, Is a petition from Trinity Church, in which the petitioners express their satisfaction with the labors of licentiate M. L. Little, and ask Synod to ordain him to the office of pastor, by the N. C. Conference of this Synod at its next meeting; they also pray for his services.

No. 5, Is a petition from Bethphage of similar import.

Nos. 6 and 7, Are petitions from Sardis and Daniel's Churches, in which they also pray for the examination and ordination of licentiate M. L. Little to the pastoral office.

No. 8, Is a petition from St. Mark's Church, Gaston Co., N. C., in which the petitioners ask for the ordination of M. L. Little as pastor. They ask for a continuation of his services, and also for the next Convention of Synod.

No. 9, Is a petition from Mt. Calvary Church, Page Co., Va., they ask for the next annual convention of Synod.

No. 10. Is a petition from Zion Church, Catawba County, N. C., in which the petitioners ask counsel in a matter of faith and life, respecting the propriety or impropriety of church members connecting themselves with secret, oath-bound societies, by asking Synod this question: "Is it right and proper for Christians to have connection with such societies?" They also express entire satisfaction with the services of Rev. J. M. Smith.

Resolved, That the Examining Committee of this Synod examine and ordain Mr. M. L. Little, to the office of Pastor, at the time of the next meeting of the N. C. Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
A. L. CROUSE,
A. L. YOUNT,
J. H. CONRAD,
D. L. CROUSE.

Item No 1,—Adopted, and Letter read. Rev. S. Henkel was excused.

Item No. 2.—Rev. D. Efird was not excused.

Item No. 3,—Adopted, and Letter read.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with pleasure the fraternal letter addressed to this Synod by Rev. J. C. Barb, the corresponding delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, and that we very much regret his inability to meet with us in the present convention of Synod.

Item No. 3,—adopted and letter read.

Items Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,—the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the license of Rev. M. L. Little be renewed to continue until he be examined by the Examining Committee.

Item Nos. 8, 9,—action deferred.

Item No. 10 was discussed and the following adopted:—That the petitioners be referred to the Scriptures and their pastor.

Synod adjourned for service. Prayer with Rev. M. L. Fox.

THIRD SESSION.

Synod resumed business.

Rev. C. Bernheim of N. C. Synod was received as an advisory member.

The following was passed:

Resolved, That on account of disorderly and rebellious conduct, the name of C. Moretz be stricken from the clerical roll of this Synod.

The motion to reprint our Church Hymn Book was considered and the following adopted:

Inasmuch as, this Synod has oral information that there

is a desire on the part of some that the Church Hymn Book be revised and re-published, and, *inasmuch as*, this Synod has, in her former conventions, declared such a thing impossible, and has as the best substitute, recommended the Church Book of the General Council, and, *inasmuch as*, several hundred copies have already been distributed among our congregations, be it,

Resolved, That we can see no good reason for renewing our action in regard to this matter, and therefore reaffirm our conviction of the impossibility of the thing. However, if the wishes of such as desire the revision of the Church Hymn Book can be gratified by individual enterprise, we have no objection, and will throw no obstacle in the way of the undertaking.

Rev. H. Goodman, Messrs. C. Bookman, J. L. Wagner, and D. D. Seitze recorded their names against it. The Treasurer handed in his report which was received and referred to a committee.

The corresponding delegate to the Virginia Synod read the following report which was received.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to Virginia Synod.

We are happy to be able to state, that we had the pleasure of attending the last annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Virginia Synod.

We were cordially received. These brethren seem to be actively and zealously engaged in the Master's work.—They have several very important missionary points. A more conservative element appears to pervade this body. They are aroused to a sense of their solemn duties, and are doing all they can to build up the waste places of Zion.

Respectfully,

S. HENKEL.

The corresponding delegate of the Holston Synod read the following report which was received:

Report of Corres. Delegate to Holston Synod.

Pursuant to election, I attended the last meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, and was received in the most friendly and fraternal manner.

The following was unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we now unite with the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., was elected Delegate to the General Council. This Synod is fully alive to the interests and advancement of our Lutheran Zion. Unwillingly, we were compelled to leave before the rising of Synod. My expenses were eighteen dollars and thirty cents.

A. L. CROUSE.

Committee on Treasurer's Report of the Beneficiary Fund read the following Report which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Fund.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds, have done so, and find it correct. Respectfully submitted,

S. M. ROOF,
H. L. BOWERS,
M. F. COON.

Parochial Reports were read and received.

The following Corresponding Delegates were elected:

Rev. T. Moser, to North Carolina Synod; Rev. A. J. Fox, alternate.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt to Virginia Synod; I. Conder, alt'n'te.

Rev. J. M. Smith, to Holston Synod; Rev. D. Efird, alternate.

On motion, Rev. A. J. Fox' expenses, to N. C. Synod, were ordered to be refunded, also, Rev. A. L. Crouse's, to Holston Synod.

Revds. J. N. Stirewalt and T. Miller were excused for absence from this meeting, and Rev. J. S. Bennick was not excused.

Mt. Calvary Church, Page County, Va., was elected for next place of meeting, and Thursday before the First Sunday in September, 1875, as the time.

Synod adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer with Rev. C. H. Bernheim.

FOURTH SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business. Prayer with Rev. J. C. Moser. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Treasurer's Report reported, which was received and adopted.

Committee's Report on Treasurer's Report.

We, your Committee to report on Treasurer's Report, have examined it, and find it correct.

T. CROUSE,
H. GOODMAN,
C. BOOKMAN.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds.

The Corresponding Secretary read the following Report, which was received and referred to a Committee.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

1. Soon after final adjournment of the last convention of the N. C. Synod, I was officially notified, by Rev. Prof. W. E. Hubbert, Corresponding Secretary of that body, of the following action:

"*Resolved*, That we reciprocate the fraternal feelings expressed by the Tennessee Synod, but, under existing circumstances, we deem it inexpedient to consider the proposition to hold a Conference of the two Synods."

2. The Minutes of the 44th Convention of the Synod of Virginia, held in Mt. Tabor, Augusta County, Virginia:—The following Officers were elected: Rev. R. C. Holland, President; Rev. D. M. Gilbert, Secretary; Rev. C. Beard, Treasurer. Nothing transacted requiring special action from our Synod.

3. The Minutes of the 49th Annual Convention of the South Carolina Synod, held in Mt. Pleasant, Barnwell Co., S. C., Oct. 16-21, 1873:—The following Officers were elected, Rev. P. Derrick, President; Rev H S. Wingard, Rec. Secretary; Rev. A. R. Rude, D. D., Cor. Secretary, and Maj. P. E. Wise, Treasurer. We find nothing requiring any action on our part.

4. The Minutes of the Indiana Synod, in its Third Convention:—This vigorous, young Synod has Fourteen Pastors, Thirty-five Congregations, and Eleven Hundred Communicants. We should feel special interest in it, because several of its Pastors, and many of its Communicants, went from our Synod; and because it is doing very much to supply these families who have emigrated from our territory to that State. Its Officers are, Rev. J. H. Hunton, President; Rev. E. Wesner, Secretary; Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, Treas'r.

5. The Minutes of the Seventh Convention of the General Council, held at Erie, Pa., Oct. 16-20, 1873. The former Officers were re-elected. The Conference has, in its connection, Nine District Synods; Six Hundred and Eleven Ministers, and Eleven Hundred and Fifty Congregations. It appoint-

ed a Committee to co-operate with similar Committees from the other general bodies, and from Synods not in connection with any general body, in arranging for a general Colloquium of all Lutherans in America who accept, unqualifiedly, the Augsburg Confession.

6. The Minutes of the 33d Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South-Western Virginia. Rev. J. A. Brown was elected President; Rev. Prof. J. B. Greiner, Secretary, and Rev. A. Philippi, Treasurer.

I find the following resolution concerning a colloquium in the South:

"*Inasmuch as* conventions for fraternal unions and peaceful adjudication of former differences, in sections of churches, and denominational peculiarities are being held,

Resolved, That we in accordance with this spirit of peace and fraternal love now developed in the orthodox churches of America do all we can, not only to commend, but to secure a colloquium of the different divisions of the Lutheran Church in the Southern States; we recommend that this colloquium take place, and at such a time as the different Synods and representative bodies of the Lutheran Church may determine as expedient.

The object of such a recommended colloquium be the adoption of such measures as may anticipate a future union of those bodies of the same faith, in modes of operation, however remote the realization of such an object.

L. A. Fox.

The committee on State of the Church read the following report which was received:

Report of Committee on State of the Church.

Nearly all the congregations in this Synod having failed to comply with the resolution adopted by the last convention of this Synod, requesting the council of every congregation to send up a written report of the State of their congregation,

Your committee have very little of the necessary matter to enable them to make a full, satisfactory or intelligent report. However, having some personal knowledge of the state of affairs, and having made some inquiry of our ministers and delegates, we will mention such facts as we are in possession of:

There are three sections of our Synod, and to them we will have reference respectively.

From the information we have it appears that the different pastorates in the State of Virginia are generally in a prosperous condition. All the congregations are supplied with the regular preaching of the Gospel, and the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and all our ministers are active, and some of them extensively engaged in the dis-

charge of their ministerial functions. From written statements and verbal information we learn that the congregations of one of our pastorates in the State of South Carolina is in a very good and prosperous condition, as much if not more so than for many years past. But from some cause or other, the other pastorate in South Carolina is not quite so favorably spoken of. However, there is nothing serious existing, and the pastorate may be said to enjoy reasonable prosperity.

Several of the pastorates in this State, North Carolina, are said to be in the enjoyment of as much prosperity as usual. All our ministers in this State are very extensively engaged in the good work of their Master. But we are sorry to report some of our congregations vacant, and, for the scarcity of our ministers, we know of no way by which they can soon be regularly supplied with the means of grace. Some of our congregations are considerably annoyed by the continual assaults of a man who represents a small faction, who call themselves Lutherans, who, indeed, claim to be the only true Lutherans in the country. They may be sound in doctrine, but are, to say the best of them, very irregular in their practices, and many of them disorderly in their moral conduct. We regret also to say, that we are credibly informed that, in at least one of our pastorates, some unpleasantness exists, and has for several years existed, between pastor and people, and some who are interested claim that their misunderstandings in one of the congregations in that pastorate are having a very deleterious effect upon the prosperity of that congregation. Should these statements be true, your committee would most respectfully inquire if the Synod should not take such action in this matter as may result in a speedy and amicable adjustment of these unhappy differences.

Your committee, embarrassed as we are for the want of sufficient data for our present report, would respectfully ask this Synod to adopt a resolution requiring a compliance with the resolution of last year, requiring the council of congregations to send up a written report of the condition of the church in their respective congregations.

A. J. Fox.
J. M. Smith.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Secretary to order annually the printing of all the standing resolutions of Synod upon the cover of our minutes.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer shall have as many copies of minutes printed as are called for, with as many extra copies as Synod shall order.

On motion, fifty extra copies were ordered.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this Synod be authorized to renew the license of Rev. J. C. Moser to continue until the next annual convention of this Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we continue to sustain Messrs. A. L. Yount and R. A. Yoder at college until they complete their full college course, provided the latter returns to the boundary of the Synod, and desires it, and do as much as we can to assist as many others as we may have the means to do.

The following standing resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each of our pastors be earnestly requested to preach at least one sermon to each of his congregations annually, upon the subject of "beneficiary education," and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod redouble their exertions to procure donations for beneficiary education.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That this Synod unanimously return its most sincere thanks to the members of this community, for the many acts of personal attention and kindness they have bestowed upon the members of this Synod, during our sojourn in their midst, and that the President publicly read this, accompanied with some suitable remarks, at the close of the first service in the grove on Sunday morning next.

Synod took a recess. Prayer with Rev. T. Moser.

FIFTH SESSION.

Synod resumed business.

Committee on report of Corresponding Secretary read the following report which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Corresponding Secretary's Report.

We, the committee upon the report of the Corresponding Secretary of this Synod, having carefully examined that document, beg leave to submit the following resolution for the consideration of this meeting:

Resolved, That, with a desire to promote the unity of Spirit in the bounds of peace, we cordially approve the action of the General Council of the Lutheran Church in the United States, in calling for a Colloquium of all Lutherans in America who accept, unqualifiedly, the unaltered Augsburg Confession, and we hereby express the willingness to participate in the discussions of said Colloquium, whenever and wherever it shall convene, but do not deem it necessary to take any part in making arrangements for such meeting.

I. CONDER.
J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, Synod is to refund to Mr. A. Costner twelve dollars and seventy cents paid by him to its beneficiaries, also to refund to Messrs. A. L. Yount and R. A. Yoder the amounts due them, as soon as possible.

On motion, Mr. A. L. Yount is to be paid $100 for paying his expenses at college this year.

Minutes were read and approved.

Synod adjourned to meet at time and place elected.—Closing services by the President.

A. L. CROUSE,
SECRETARY.

Religious Exercises.

Rev. J. M. Smith, opening sermon, Eph. 4: 4.

J. W. Kimball, Friday, twelve m., from John 9: 4.

Mr. A. L. Yount, Friday night, at Conrad's School-house, From 1 Matt. 10: 32, 33.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Friday night, at the Church, from 1 John 4; 9, 10, 11.

Rev. A. J. Fox, Sunday m. from 2 Cor. 5, 19, 20.

Rev. T Moser, Saturday night, at Conrad's School-house.

SUNDAY.—Rev. I. Conder, morning, in Church, from —.

Rev. L. A. Fox, morning, at stand, from 1 Cor. 5, 7.

Rev. J. R Peterson, at stand, from Matt. 22, 1-14.

Confession and Absolution were attended to by Rev. T. Crouse, and the Lord's Supper administered to the Synod and congregation.

Rev. S. Henkel's Report, as Agent for the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

REV. S. HENKEL

In account with

E. L. TENN. SYNOD, DR.

1873,	Oct.	13.—	To am't from Mt. Zion Church,	$ 3 00	
"	"	"	To am't from St. Paul Church,	2 75	
1874,	Jan.	2,	To am't from Mrs. Mary M. Henkel,	3 50	
"	Sep.	28,	To am't from Emanuel Church for '73	14 52	
"	"	"	To am't from Emanuel Church for '74	12 03	
"	"	14	To am't from Mt. Zion Church for '74	2 40	
"			To am't from individual	20	
					$38 40

CR.

1873,	Oct.	13,—	By am't due him on former Settlement,	$ 7 45	
1874,	Sep.	28,	By am't inclosed, and sent by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	30 95	
					$38 40

Respectfully Submitted,

S. HENKEL.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. N. STIREWALT,

In Account with

E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD, DR.

Oct. 13, 1873.	Rec'd from former Treas'r,	$ 34 16	
"	for minutes,	65 95	
"	" 1872,		
	of Rev. T. Moser,	3 00	
"	of Rev. A. J. Fox, for minutes, 1872,	5 70	
	Total Receipts,		$108 81

CR.

Dec. 26, 1873.	Paid Henkel, Calvert & Co., printing minutes,	$ 50 00	
Dec. 31, 1873.	Paid F. Zeiler postage on minutes	4 47	
	By amount to balance,	54 34	
			$108 81

To am't on hand, balance,	$54 34
To am't due from Rev. D. Efird for minutes of 1872,	3 15

Respectfully Submitted,

J. N. STIREWALT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

I hereby submit my Report of transactions in connection with Beneficiary Fund for the last Synodical year:—Having, myself, been absent from home during the greater part of last winter, the business of the fund was transacted during that time by the kindness of Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox and Melchi Rhodes, Esq. Again, a portion of the Fund has been paid to Beneficiaries directly, without sending the amount to be credited to congregations: so that, if the Report is not as full as might be desired, I, for the above cited facts, beg the indulgence of Synod. I would yet venture to say, that there should be a better system adopted by Synod, to raise and disburse the Funds, as the last year was one of great anxiety to the Beneficiaries, and to the Treasurer of said Fund.

Fraternally, A. COSTNER.

A. COSTNER, *In Account with*

E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD. DR.

1873,	Oct. 10,	—To	amount on hand,		$ 12 76	
"	Nov. 16,	"	"	from Rev. L. A. Fox ch'ge	10 00	
1874,	Jan. 3,	"	"	Trinity Church, N. C.	9 50	
"	Jan. 3,	"	"	from Salem Church, N. C.	13 65	
"	Apr. 3,	"	"	" " " "	5 50	
"	Mar. 15,	"	"	" St. Marks Church, "	5 00	
"	May 17,	"	"	" " " " "	10 70	
"	May 17,	"	"	from Daniels Church, "	4 00	
"	Apr. 3,	"	"	from Sharon Church, "	3 40	
"	" 17,	"	"	from Luth. Ch'p'l, "	19 50	
"	" "	"	"	from St. Marks, Chp. "	5 30	
"	" "	"	"	Philadelphia Ch'p'l, "	6 00	
"	" "	"	"	from Christs Ch'p'l, "	6 50	
"	" 24,	"	"	" Rev. T. Moser's, "	15 00	
"	June 2,	"	"	" " " "	5 00	
"	" "	"	"	" " J. C. Moser's "	10 00	
"	Apr. 23,	"	"	" " J. M. Smith's "	32 85	
						$174 66

CR.

1874,	June 1,	—By	Cash to R. A. Yoder,		$ 33 25	
"	" 3,	"	"	"	12 00	
"	Mar. 26,	"	"	"	15 00	
"	June 23,	"	"	"	23 00	
"	Apr. 22-3	"	A. L. Yount,		73 85	
"	" 24	"	"	J. F. Moser,	30 00	
Three Registered letters—see vouchers,					33	
						$187 43
						$174 66
						$12 77

I advanced to Mr. Yoder some of my private funds to pay a debt in Baltimore, contracted for books, which leaves to my credit $12 77.

Humbly and Fraternally Submitted,

A. COSTNER,

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered Ministry,	Congregations,	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms,	Letters,	Deaths,	Removals,	Expulsions,	Sunday Schools,	S. S Scholars,	Teachers,	Synodical,	Ben. Education,	Current Exp'nses	Other Objects,
Rev. A. J. FOX,	1838	11	1800	27		98		22			3			$16 50	$60 00	$ 900 00	
" M. L. LITTLE,																	
" J. M. SMITH,	1858	5	850	112		56		21						8 00	42 85		
" T. MOSER,	1844	4	200			13		3			2			3 00	12 00		
" J. C. MOSER,	1873	2	110			7	1	3	1					1 70	12 75		
" I. CONDER,	1861	4	196	9		9		5		1	3				33 00		
" H. GOODMAN,	1830	1	196	22		40								1 00			
" J. R. PETERSON,	1843	4	300	24	5	38		4	3					12 00	50 00		$2,800 00
" J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	3	350	42	16	45		5			2			1 60			
" S. HENKEL,	1850	3	293	6	2	20		9			3			4 00	18 13		
" L. A. FOX,	1864	1	86	1	1	6	2	2			1	40	8	1 00	10 00	650 10	350 00
" D. EFIRD,	1847	4	585	32		58		11			4						
" M. L. FOX,	1871	3	100			11								1 75	5 00		
" T. CROUSE,	1845	5	310	16	1	10		7							16 00	300 00	
" J. S. BENNICK,	1866	7	600	40	10	43		20			2			11 50	20 00		
" A. L. CROUSE,	1871	6	588	53	4	37	10	4	1		6	246	40	26 30	150 00	500 00	947 00
" J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	2	50			6								50			

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STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving members from other Churches, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practised by some to a considerable extent;

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations to unite in so far as, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechetical Lectures, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and usages, such Church privileges, we recommend that their requests be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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TRANSACTIONS

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FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-fifth regular meeting in Mt. Calvary Church, Page County, Va., beginning on Thursday, the 2nd day of September, 1875. The opening sermon was preached by the President, from 1. Cor. 4, 1, 2.

Synod was opened with suitable religious exercises, the clerical roll was called, and certificates of lay-delegates presented.

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	Rev. H. GOODMAN,	Statesville, N. C.
2.	" A. J. FOX,	Newton, N. C.
3.	" T. MILLER,	Edinburg, Va.
4.	" J. R. PETERSON,	Dallis, N. C.
5.	" T. MOSER,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
6.	" T. CROUSE,	Lexington, N. C.
7.	" S. HENKEL,	New Market, Va.
8.	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
9.	" J. M. SMITH,	Conover, N. C.
10.	" I. CONDER,	McGaheysville, Va.
11.	" J. S. BENNICK,	Forestville, Va.
12.	" J. N. STIREWALT,	Stony Man, Va.
13.	" M. L. FOX,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
14.	" J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, N. C.
15.	" M. L. LITTLE,	Seagle's Store, N. C.
16.	" L. A. FOX,	Waynesboro', Va.
17.	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
18.	" J. P. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Hallar H. Henkel,	Emanuel, New Market, Va.
Amos Peters,	Solomon, "
Jonas Pence,	St. Mary, "
Daniel Sluss,	Bethany, "
J. P. Printz,	Mt. Calvary, "
John W. Nauman,	St. William, "
B. F. Shank,	Morning Star, "
J. W. Hausenfluck,	St. Matthew', "
A. J. Sillings,	St. Paul, "
Christian Foltz,	Trinity, Rockingham Co., Va.
Thomas E. Armentrout,	McGaheysville, Va.
Elijah Tusing,	Trinity, "
Simon Hepner,	Powder Springs, Va.
D. H. Bowman,	Rader, "
J. S. Koiner,	Bethlehem, "
J. L. Helsly,	St. Jacob, "
Geo. M. Kite,	St. Paul, Page County, Va.
J. W. M. Lohr,	Mt. Zion, Va.
Geo. D. Dovel,	St. Peter, Va.
Peter Coble,	Coble, Melanchton, N. C.
M. L. Little,	Bethpage, Sardis, Trinity, N. C
J. W. Hare,	Cedar Grove, St. Paul, St. Peter, Zion, St. James and Emanuel, S. C.
G. M. Stuck,	St. Peter, Bethlehem, St. Jacob and St. John, Lexington County, S. C.

The President read his annual Report.

President's Report:

Dear Brethren:—By the grace and mercy of God we have passed another year and been brought together again in Synodical Convention. It is very pleasant, after so long a separation and after so many cares, anxieties and labors, to meet and exchange affectionate greetings; and the only thing to mar the pleasure is that distance and other causes have prevented so many of our brethren from meeting with us. It is not pleasure, however, that has called us here, but the most weighty responsibilities. A political or financial convention would attract much more popular attention, and excite a deeper local interest, but we come like the Master in lowliness, yet we are here to consider the interest of souls, each one of whom is worth more than a world. A larger ecclesiastical body would be looked upon as more important, but every body that earnestly and prayerfully seeks the ex-

tension of the kingdom of heaven is an object of sympathy to the angels, and is tenderly regarded by the Savior of sinners, and this should be estimated by us as worth superlatively more than any worldly *eclat*. Death has thrown a shadow over some of our homes, but our ministerial rank has not been invaded.

The year has been, in general, one of prosperity. There has been a general growth. From some portions of the Synod we have cheering accounts. But from some others we have painful intelligence. In some the evils, it is hoped, will be removed without your interposition, but in others it is feared that they must be brought to your attention.

DEDICATIONS.—I have but three dedications to report.—On the first Sunday in November, a very neat church in Rockingham County, Va., was set apart to the worship of God with the name of St. Jacob's Bethany. It is at this time under the care of Rev. I. Conder. On the first Sunday in August, the beautiful new church at Mt. Olivet, Shenandoah County, Va., built by a congregation that had belonged to the Concordia Synod, was consecrated with the name of St. Matthew. Other Churches are being built but have not yet become ready for occupation. Christ's Church, at Brevard, N. C., was remodeled and rededicated. Rev. J. R. Peterson is its pastor.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.—Rev. A. J. Fox organized a congregation in Newton, N. C. Mr. A. L Yount has organized one in Monroe, N. C., which will doubtless make application to this meeting to be received. Rev. I. Conder has already, or will soon organize one at Peter's, in Rockingham Co., Va.

RESIGNATION AND CALLS.—Soon after the adjournment of Synod, Rev. A. J. Fox resigned St. Mark, Bethphage, Trinity, and Sardis, to compose a new charge, which called Licentiate, M. L Little. He also resigned St. Peter; that called Rev. J. M. Smith, its former pastor. Rev. I. Conder resigned St. Paul's, Mt. Solon, Va. It is still vacant. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt received and accepted a call from St Matthew congregation, that had been served by Rev. H. Wetzel — The Va. L. Conference at its last meeting made arrangements to supply the congregation at Brock's Gap, in Va., that for a time was connected with the Concordia Synod.

LICENCES.—As directed by Synod, I sent license for one year to J. C. Moser. The examining committee examined M. L. Little, but did not ordain him, and license was forwarded him.

SUGGESTIONS.—1. Many of the Synods are collecting the material for future histories of themselves and there will be material for the future general history of the Church in America. Much of the best material of the earlier history has already been lost and much is rapidly passing away.—The influence of the Synod has been great. If her work is

duly appreciated and the lesson gathered by generations to come that history must be preserved by ourselves. It is our work and if we neglect it others will not do it for us. Steps ought to be taken by this convention for the collection and publication of its history during the first half century of existence.

2. We have been talking long enough about missionary operations. It is time now to commence work. We have a call now for funds. The Synod ought at once to adopt some plan for active efforts.

May the blessings of God rest upon us. Amen.

L. A. Fox.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

Rev. J. R. Peterson,	*President.*
" I. Conder,	*Rec. Secretary.*
" J. N. Stirewalt,	*Cor. Secretary.*
" S. Henkel,	*Treasurer.*

Rev. C. H. Bernheim, the Corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, presented his credentials of election, and was received.

SECOND SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business. The President announced the following

Regular Committees:

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds S. Henkel, D. Efird and J. W. Hare.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds J. P. Stirewalt, A. L. Crouse and D. H. Bowman.

3. *On Examination*—Rev'ds L. A. Fox, S. Henkel and Dr. M. L. Fox.

4. *On State of the Church.*—Rev'ds A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt and J. M. Smith.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev'ds D. Efird, M. L. Fox and J. S. Koiner.

6. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Rev'ds A. L. Crouse, J. P. Stirewalt and J. W. Hausenfluck.

7. *On Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary funds.*—Rev'ds I. Conder, M. L. Little and J. S. Koiner.

8. *On Leave of Absence.*—Rev'ds L. A. Fox and B. F. Shank.

On motion the Treasurer's report was received.

Report of Delegate to Virginia Synod.

It affords me great pleasure to say that I attended the last

annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Virginia Synod. I met with quite a cordial reception and kind entertainment. Seemingly these brethren are actively and zealously engaged in the work of the Divine Head of the Church. They have several important missions, which received due attention. They are working diligently for the upbuilding of their schools and for a more extensive circulation of their religious periodicals. They are fully awake to their important duties and are doing all they can to extend the Redeemer's kingdom on earth.

Respectfully,

J. PAUL STIREWALT.

Report of Delegate to North Carolina Synod.

Your delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina reports, that he had the pleasure of attending the late meeting of that body and was cordially received. He found these brethren actively engaged in the Master's work. The report of the pastors on the state of their several charges exhibited an encouraging state of the Church. No action was taken which had direct refference to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER.

Parochial reports were read and received.

On motion Mr. J. W. Hausenfluck was received into Synod as a student of Theology.

We the Committee of Colloquium report that we had an interview with Mr. J. W. Hausenfluck and find that he seeks the office of the ministry from right motives. His literary attainments are very far below the minimum required by Synod, but he is willing to pursue his literary course further, if his health will allow, and he can procure the means, He desires to be under the immediate direction of some one of our ministers where he can pursue his Theological studies.

L. A. FOX,
D. EFIRD,
J. S. KOINER.

On motion, Synod now adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. H. Bernheim.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

Synod opened with suitable religious exercises, by Rev. I. Conder. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, St. Matthew Church, in Shenandoah Co., Va., was received into this Synod and its delegate enrolled.

Resolved, That hereafter the expences of corresponding delegates to sister synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We the Committee on Treasurer's report submit that we have examined it with its vouchers and find all correct, with a balance in hand of $52 29 cents, including funds in hands of former Treasurer.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, the Committee on unfinished busines, have examined the minutes of last Synod and find as follows:

1. Page 6, Crouse's Mission in Alabama was placed under the care of Rev. A. L. Crouse, and enquire, what has been done for it?

2. Page 7, That Rev. J. M. Smith was requested to visit Salem Church, Alexander Co., N. C. Was this request complied with?

3. On same page, That Rev'ds A. J. Fox and M. L. Little were to attend to Bold Spring and Philadelphia Churches, in Caldwell County, N. C Have these brethren discharged their duties?

4. Page 10, That the examining Committee of this Synod examine and ordain Mr. M. L. Little, to the office of Pastor, at the time of the next meeting of the N. C. Conference. Has this work been done? If not, why?

5. Page 16, We ask if the resolution relating to the preaching of sermons on beneficiary education, and other benevolent enterprises, has been complied with? Also if the second standing resolution on cover, has been complied with by the Church Councils? Respectfully,

J. P. STIREWALT,
A. L. CROUSE,
D. H. BOWMAN.

On motion the above report was received, and considered by Items.

Item 1.—The Alabama mission was left in the hands of Rev. A. L. Crorse. He reported it in an encouraging condition, that the prospects of building up our Lutheran Zion in the section of country that he visited is quite hopeful, if those

people could be supplied with regular ministerial services.

Item 2.—Not known.

Item 3.—On motion the above named congregations were left in the hands of the N. C. Conference. It is requested that they look after their spiritual wants.

Item 4.—Deferred.

Item 5.—Partially complied with.

On motion it was made the duty of Church Councils to send up to Synod annually, written reports of the state of their congregations.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letter and Petitions submit the following:

No. 1 Is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith in which he states his reason for not attending this meeting of Synod. He also asserts, that the Churches of Catawba Co., have decided to establish a high school of a decidedly Lutheran character.

We, your Committee, recommend,

1st., That Rev. J. M. Smith be not excused.

2nd., The following resolution:

Resolved, That it is with great pleasure, that we hear of the proposed establishment of a literary institution of a Lutheran type, by our brethren in Catawba Co., N. C., and we most heartily commend the enterprise to the favor of the Church.

No. 2 Is a letter from Rev. T. Moser in which he sends his excuse for non-attendance at this session of Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 Is a letter from Rev. T. Crouse in which he sends his excuse for not attending Synod.

We recommend, for want of fuller and more explicit excuse, that he be not excused.

No. 4 Is a letter from Rev. J. C. Moser, in which he sends his reasons for his absence. We recommend that he be excused.

Petitions, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, are from St Mark, Bold Springs, Trinity, Bethpage, Philadelphia, Caldwell Co., and Philadelphia, Gaston Co., N. C., praying the ordination of Licentiate M. L. Little, to the office of Pastor.

No. 8 and 9 are from Mt. Moriah and Phanuel Churches, praying the ordination of Licentiate J. C. Moser to the office of Pastor.

No. 10 Is from St. James Church, at Summit, S. C., praying that Synod hold its next annual convention in that Church.

No. 11 Is from St. John Church S. C., praying that the next convention of Synod be held in their Church.

Respectfully submitted,

D. EFIRD,
M. L. FOX,
J. S. KOINER.

Item No. 1, Rev. J. M. Smith was not excused.

Item No. 2, Rev. T. Moser was excused.

Item No. 3, Rev. T. Crouse was not excused.

Item No. 4, Rev. J. C. Moser was excused.

On motion, Father H. Goodman, owing to his infirmaties and great age, was excused for not attending the meeting of this Synod.

On motion, Father T. Miller was also excused.

On motion, Petitions No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, were postponed until to-morrow morning.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Funds.

We, your Committee appointed to examine the report of Treasurer of Beneficiary funds, have attended to that duty, and find it correct.

I. CONDER,
M. L. LITTLE,
J. S. KOINER.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to prepare a pastoral letter to be appended to the minutes of the next meeting of Synod.

Committee Rev'ds L. A. Fox and S. Henkel.

On motion, Synod now adjourned until after preaching.

During recess, Rev. C. H. Bernheim preached from Rev. 21, 9.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1½ O'clock, P. M.

Synod resumed business.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn, that it adjourn to meet again in St. John Church Lexington Co. S. C., on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday of October, 1876.

Preamble and Resolution of Father Dreher.

Whereas God, in his all wise Providence, has been pleased to call from time to Eternity, Rev. Godfrey Dreher, Pastor of Lutheran Congregations, Lexington Co., S. C., hereby.

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of his services and success; that we bow in humble submission to the will of him that doeth all things well, cherish the memory of Rev. Dreher, and pray the *Master* to send in his stead faithful and worthy ministers of the New Testament.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in OUR CHURCH PAPER. These resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Corresponding Delegates Elected.

Rev. J. M. Smith to North Carolina Synod. Rev. T. Crouse his alternate.

Rev. I. Conder to Virginia Synod. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Alternate.

On motion, Mr. A. L. Yount receives Fourteen Dollars, ($14,) appropriated by Synod for his benefit, as a student of Theology.

Resolved, That one hundred dollars be appropriated to Beneficiary, A. L. Yount, with the understanding that he supplie the congregation in Monroe, Union Co., N. C., with ministerial services during the next Synodical year.

On motion, the congregation in Monroe, Union Co., N. C., was received into connection with this Synod.

Upon motion, Synod now adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. C. H. Bernheim. Mr. Yoder's letter was called for, and read before Synod.

On motion, Synod appropriated a sufficient amount to liquidate the indebtedness Brother Yoder incurred, at North Carolina College; provided it does not exceed the amount of funds on hands.

Report on President's Report.

We, your Committee appointed to report on President's report beg leave to submit the following:

Having examined the report, we find two points that claim our attention.

1. That in regard to the History of our churches and Synod.
2. That relative to Missionary operations.

With respect to the 1st, we would recommend the appoint-

ment of a committee of three ministers; that is, one in each State in the bounds of our Synod, to collect proper statistics, and material for such History, and report the result of their efforts to the next convention of Synod for further consideration.

In regard to the 2nd, we recommend that a similar committee be appointed, except that an equal number of lay members (three) be added to said committee to prepare a suitable constitution and regulations for Home Missionary operations, and present the same to the next meeting of Synod for further action.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Henkel,
D. Efird,
J. W. Hare.

On motion, Synod sustained the recommendation of the Committee. It was received and considered by Items.

Item 1, Adopted. Committee: Rev'ds A. J. Fox, D. Efird and S. Henkel

Item 2, Adopted. Committee: Rev'ds L. A. Fox, Major A. Koiner, J. R. Peterson, A. Costner, A. L. Crouse and H. A. Meetze.

On motion, Rev. S. Henkel was required to secure all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod, and have them bound, and also to collect such other material as may be of interest to the Church.

Report on State of the Church.

From information that has come into our possession, your Committee are able to report favorably on the state of the Congregations in the State of Virginia. There has been a steady, though not a rapid increase of liberality in these Congregations. The Ministers are actively engaged in the Master's work, and have met with encouraging success; no changes have taken place in pastoral relations, and cordiality and confidence prevail among Pastors and people.

Your committee are sorry that they are unable to present as favorable a report of the condition of the Churches in North Carolina. In a few of the Congregations there is some discord between Pastor and members of the Congregations; but from information that we have had, we are hopeful, that no lasting injury is likely to result from these differences. With these few exceptions, the congregations in this part of our Synod, enjoy a reasonable share of prosperity.

In the State of South Carolina, the reports coming up to us, from the Councils of Congregations, indicate a prosperous condition of the Church. It affords us pleasure to say that the brethren in this State are more active in the work

of beneficence, than in some other parts of our Synod. Upon a survey of the entire Synod, your Committee think that we have reason to believe, that the labors of the past year have not been unblessed, by the great Head of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
I. CONDER.

Resolved, That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our Ministers to ask their Congregations to defray their expences in attending the meetings of our Synod.

Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of beneficiary funds.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1½ O'clock, P. M.

Synod resumed business.

On motion, brother M. L. Little's license was renewed.

Upon motion, the license of bro. J. C. Moser was continued.

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, the Committee on examination report, that in obedience to a resolution of last Synod, we met and examined Licentiate M. L. Little, as to his qualifications, to bear the office of Pastor, and that the examination was satisfactory, except that he had not read the full course recommended by Synod, and your Committee did not feel authorized to waive a rule of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the kind people of this community, for the unexampled hospitality, with which they have entertained us, during our pleasant stay among them, and our commendation for their respectful attendance upon the several sessions of this body, and that the President read publicly this resolution before services, Sunday morning. And,

Resolved, That our thanks are due and shall be tendered, by a copy of this resolution, to the officers of the W. C. V. M., & G. S. C., & O. B. & O., Rail Roads, that have favored us with special rates of fare.

Resolved, That as many copies of the *minutes* of the present convention of this Synod be published, as has been subscribed for, and a sufficient number in addition, to enable

the proper officer to send five copies to each of our *ministers*, one to each of our Theological Students, and two to other Synods, with which we have been accustomed to send them, and also 50 extra copies.

Resolved, That J. W. Hausenfluck be advised to place himself under the care of Rev. S. Henkel, and pursue such a course, as he may advise.

Resolved, That, if there are any funds in the hands of the Treasurer, after Mr. Yoder's debt has been settled, which he contracted while in School, at Mt. Pleasant, it is to be appropriated for the benefit of Mr. J. W. Hausenfluck.

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn to the time and place before determined.

The services were closed by Rev. L. A. Fox.

I. CONDER,
Secretary.

Religious Exercises.

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Rev. L. A. Fox, opening sermon.
Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Friday, 12 m., Rev. 21, 9, at stand.
Rev. M. L. Fox, Friday Evening, Matt. 7, 13, 14.
Rev. D. Efird, Saturday, 12 M., John 14, 6.
Rev. J. S. Bennick, Eph. 2, 8, 9, Saturday evening.
Rev. I. Conder, Saturday night, Eph. 6. 12.
Rev. A. L. Crouse, Morning Star, Rom. 10, 2, 3.
Rev. J. R. Peterson, Sunday Morning, John 6, 55.
Rev. A. J. Fox, afternoon, John 14, 21.

Confession and Absolution were attended to, by the Pastor *Loci*, and the Lord's Supper administered to Synod and Congregation.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. KOINER,

In Account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD,

1874.		Dr.
Oct. 2d,	To Cash of J. N. Stirewalt former Treas.,	$16 98
" "	To am't rec'd for Minutes &c., at Synod,	57 15
" 28th,	To cash of Rev. A. L. Crouse, for Minutes,	1 80
Dec. 9th,	To amount credited on bill for printing Minutes at New Market which did not come in my hands,	14 00
		$89 93

1874.		Cr.
Oct. 3,	By am't paid Dr. A. J. Fox on order of Synod expenses to N. C. Synod,	$15 00
Dec. 9,	By am't paid for printing eight hundred copies of Minutes to Henkel, Calvert & Co.,	60 00
" 9,	By postage on same,	4 10
		$79 10

1875. Balance in my hands at this time, subject to order of Synod. $10 83

Aug. 30, There is a balance in the hands of Henkel, Calvert & Co., over paid on bill for Minutes, due Synod, 4 10

Respectfully submitted,

A. KOINER,

Treasurer.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Deaths.	Letters.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Teachers.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Current Exp'nses.	Other Objects.
Rev. A. J. FOX,	1838	4	550	27		52	8		3					$ 5 00		$ 354 00	
" D. EFIRD,	1847	4	555	20		48	11		4								
" T. MOSER,	1844	3	163	16		15	2	4					5	2 00	$ 5 00		
" T. CROUSE,	1846	5	555	1	4	35		4									
" I. CONDER,	1861	4	200	7	3	15		2		3	175	15		2 00		200 00	$ 12 50
" M. L. FOX,	1871	3	100	6	1	6		6						1 20	5 00		
" M. L. LITTLE,		4	650	51	5	65	7	7						6 70	20 90	300 00	
" L. A. FOX,	1864	1	87	3		6	1	1		1	46	12	1	3 00	40 00	600 00	1 50
" J. C. MOSER,	1873	3	175	16	1	3	3	1		1				1 50		250 00	11 00
" J. M. SMITH,	1858	7	1250	25	1	72		13		3					30 00		
" J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	3	70	9		6		2						90		57 27	
" A. L. CROUSE,	1871	6	698	2	2	54	3	6		5	200	25		12 15	75 00	510 00	3 00
" J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	400	33	8	15		7		2	107	20	3	2 10		72 9.	
" J. R. PETERSON,	1843	4	320	23	3	22		3		1				6 75		320 00	5 00
" J. S. BENNICK,	1866	7	627	67	13	47	4	27		2	86	12		10 00	30 00	600 00	
" S. HENKEL,	1850	3	320	34	7	23	2	13		3	200	20	3	2 50	16 10		

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STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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TRANSACTIONS

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FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-fifth regular meeting in Mt. Calvary Church, Page County, Va., beginning on Thursday, the 2nd day of September, 1875. The opening sermon was preached by the President, from 1. Cor. 4, 1, 2.

Synod was opened with suitable religious exercises, the clerical roll was called, and certificates of lay-delegates presented.

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	Rev. H. GOODMAN,	Statesville, N. C.
2.	" A. J. FOX,	Newton, N. C.
3	" T. MILLER,	Edinburg, Va.
4.	" J. R. PETERSON,	Dallis, N. C.
5.	" T. MOSER,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
6.	" T. CROUSE,	Lexington, N. C.
7.	" S. HENKEL,	New Market, Va.
8.	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
9.	" J. M. SMITH,	Conover, N. C.
10.	" I. CONDER,	McGaheysville, Va.
11.	" J. S. BENNICK,	Forestville, Va.
12.	" J. N. STIREWALT,	Stony Man, Va.
13.	" M. L. FOX,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
14.	" J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, N. C.
15.	" M. L. LITTLE,	Seagle's Store, N. C.
16.	" L. A. FOX,	Waynesboro', Va.
17.	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
18.	" J. P. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Hallar H. Henkel,	Emanuel, New Market, Va.
Amos Peters,	Solomon, "
Jonas Pence,	St. Mary, "
Daniel Sluss,	Bethany, "
J. P. Printz,	Mt. Calvary, "
John W. Nauman,	St. William, "
B. F. Shank,	Morning Star, "
J. W. Hausenfluck,	St. Matthew', "
A. J. Sillings,	St. Paul, "
Christian Foltz,	Trinity, Rockingham Co., Va.
Thomas E. Armentrout,	McGaheysville, Va.
Elijah Tusing,	Trinity, "
Simon Hepner,	Powder Springs, Va.
D. H. Bowman,	Rader, "
J. S. Koiner,	Bethlehem, "
J. L. Helsly,	St. Jacob, "
Geo. M. Kite,	St. Paul, Page County, Va.
J. W. M. Lohr,	Mt. Zion, Va.
Geo. D. Dovel,	St. Peter, Va.
Peter Coble,	Coble, Melanchton, N. C.
M. L. Little,	Bethpage, Sardis, Trinity, N. C
J. W. Hare,	Cedar Grove, St. Paul, St. Peter, Zion, St. James and Emanuel, S. C.
G. M. Stuck,	St. Peter, Bethlehem, St. Jacob and St. John, Lexington County, S. C.

The President read his annual Report.

President's Report:

Dear Brethren:—By the grace and mercy of God we have passed another year and been brought together again in Synodical Convention. It is very pleasant, after so long a separation and after so many cares, anxieties and labors, to meet and exchange affectionate greetings; and the only thing to mar the pleasure is that distance and other causes have prevented so many of our brethren from meeting with us. It is not pleasure, however, that has called us here, but the most weighty responsibilities. A political or financial convention would attract much more popular attention, and excite a deeper local interest, but we come like the Master in lowliness, yet we are here to consider the interest of souls, each one of whom is worth more than a world. A larger ecclesiastical body would be looked upon as more important, but every body that earnestly and prayerfully seeks the ex-

tension of the kingdom of heaven is an object of sympathy to the angels, and is tenderly regarded by the Savior of sinners, and this should be estimated by us as worth superlatively more than any worldly *eclat*. Death has thrown a shadow over some of our homes, but our ministerial rank has not been invaded.

The year has been, in general, one of prosperity. There has been a general growth. From some portions of the Synod we have cheering accounts. But from some others we have painful intelligence. In some the evils, it is hoped, will be removed without your interposition, but in others it is feared that they must be brought to your attention.

DEDICATIONS.—I have but three dedications to report.—On the first Sunday in November, a very neat church in Rockingham County, Va., was set apart to the worship of God with the name of St. Jacob's Bethany. It is at this time under the care of Rev. I. Conder. On the first Sunday in August, the beautiful new church at Mt. Olivet, Shenandoah County, Va., built by a congregation that had belonged to the Concordia Synod, was consecrated with the name of St. Matthew. Other Churches are being built but have not yet become ready for occupation. Christ's Church, at Brevard, N. C., was remodeled and rededicated. Rev. J. R. Peterson is its pastor.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS.—Rev. A. J. Fox organized a congregation in Newton, N. C. Mr. A. L. Yount has organized one in Monroe, N. C., which will doubtless make application to this meeting to be received. Rev. I. Conder has already, or will soon organize one at Peter's, in Rockingham Co., Va.

RESIGNATION AND CALLS.—Soon after the adjournment of Synod, Rev. A. J. Fox resigned St. Mark, Bethphage, Trinity, and Sardis, to compose a new charge, which called Licentiate, M. L Little. He also resigned St. Peter; that called Rev. J. M. Smith, its former pastor. Rev. I. Conder resigned St. Paul's, Mt. Solon, Va. It is still vacant. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt received and accepted a call from St Matthew congregation, that had been served by Rev. H. Wetzel — The Va. L. Conference at its last meeting made arrangements to supply the congregation at Brock's Gap, in Va., that for a time was connected with the Concordia Synod.

LICENCES.—As directed by Synod, I sent license for one year to J. C. Moser. The examining committee examined M. L. Little, but did not ordain him, and license was forwarded him.

SUGGESTIONS.—1. Many of the Synods are collecting the material for future histories of themselves and there will be material for the future general history of the Church in America. Much of the best material of the earlier history has already been lost and much is rapidly passing away.—The influence of the Synod has been great. If her work is

duly appreciated and the lesson gathered by generations to come that history must be preserved by ourselves. It is our work and if we neglect it others will not do it for us. Steps ought to be taken by this convention for the collection and publication of its history during the first half century of existence.

2. We have been talking long enough about missionary operations. It is time now to commence work. We have a call now for funds. The Synod ought at once to adopt some plan for active efforts.

May the blessings of God rest upon us. Amen.

L. A. Fox.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—

Rev. J. R. Peterson,	*President.*
" I. Conder,	*Rec. Secretary.*
" J. N. Stirewalt,	*Cor. Secretary.*
" S. Henkel,	*Treasurer.*

Rev. C. H. Bernheim, the Corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, presented his credentials of election, and was received.

SECOND SESSION.

Synod met and resumed business. The President announced the following

Regular Committees:

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds S. Henkel, D. Efird and J. W. Hare.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds J. P. Stirewalt, A. L. Crouse and D. H. Bowman.

3. *On Examination*—Rev'ds L. A. Fox, S. Henkel and Dr. M. L. Fox.

4. *On State of the Church.*—Rev'ds A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt and J. M. Smith.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev'ds D. Efird, M. L. Fox and J. S. Koiner.

6. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Rev'ds A. L. Crouse, J. P. Stirewalt and J. W. Hausenfluck.

7. *On Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary funds.*—Rev'ds I. Conder, M. L. Little and J. S. Koiner.

8. *On Leave of Absence.*—Rev'ds L. A. Fox and B. F. Shank.

On motion the Treasurer's report was received.

Report of Delegate to Virginia Synod.

It affords me great pleasure to say that I attended the last

annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Virginia Synod. I met with quite a cordial reception and kind entertainment. Seemingly these brethren are actively and zealously engaged in the work of the Divine Head of the Church. They have several important missions, which received due attention. They are working diligently for the upbuilding of their schools and for a more extensive circulation of their religious periodicals. They are fully awake to their important duties and are doing all they can to extend the Redeemer's kingdom on earth.

Respectfully,

J. PAUL STIREWALT.

Report of Delegate to North Carolina Synod.

Your delegate to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina reports, that he had the pleasure of attending the late meeting of that body and was cordially received. He found these brethren actively engaged in the Master's work. The report of the pastors on the state of their several charges exhibited an encouraging state of the Church. No action was taken which had direct reference to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER.

Parochial reports were read and received.

On motion Mr. J. W. Hausenfluck was received into Synod as a student of Theology.

We the Committee of Colloquium report that we had an interview with Mr. J. W. Hausenfluck and find that he seeks the office of the ministry from right motives. His literary attainments are very far below the minimum required by Synod, but he is willing to pursue his literary course further, if his health will allow, and he can procure the means, He desires to be under the immediate direction of some one of our ministers where he can pursue his Theological studies.

L. A. FOX,
D. EFIRD,
J. S. KOINER.

On motion, Synod now adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. H. Bernheim.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

Synod opened with suitable religious exercises, by Rev. I. Conder. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, St. Matthew Church, in Shenandoah Co., Va., was received into this Synod and its delegate enrolled.

Resolved, That hereafter the expences of corresponding delegates to sister synods shall not be paid out of the synodical funds.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We the Committee on Treasurer's report submit that we have examined it with its vouchers and find all correct, with a balance in hand of $52 29 cents, including funds in hands of former Treasurer.

A. L. Crouse,
J. P. Stirewalt,
J. W. Hausenfluck.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, the Committee on unfinished busines, have examined the minutes of last Synod and find as follows:

1. Page 6, Crouse's Mission in Alabama was placed under the care of Rev. A. L. Crouse, and enquire, what has been done for it?

2. Page 7, That Rev. J. M. Smith was requested to visit Salem Church, Alexander Co., N. C. Was this request complied with?

3. On same page, That Rev'ds A. J. Fox and M. L. Little were to attend to Bold Spring and Philadelphia Churches, in Caldwell County, N. C Have these brethren discharged their duties?

4. Page 10, That the examining Committee of this Synod examine and ordain Mr. M. L. Little, to the office of Pastor, at the time of the next meeting of the N. C. Conference. Has this work been done? If not, why?

5. Page 16, We ask if the resolution relating to the preaching of sermons on beneficiary education, and other benevolent enterprises, has been complied with? Also if the second standing resolution on cover, has been complied with by the Church Councils? Respectfully,

J. P. Stirewalt,
A. L. Crouse,
D. H. Bowman.

On motion the above report was received, and considered by Items.

Item 1.—The Alabama mission was left in the hands of Rev. A. L. Crorse. He reported it in an encouraging condition, that the prospects of building up our Lutheran Zion in the section of country that he visited is quite hopeful, if those

people could be supplied with regular ministerial services.

Item 2.—Not known.

Item 3.—On motion the above named congregations were left in the hands of the N. C. Conference. It is requested that they look after their spiritual wants.

Item 4.—Deferred.

Item 5.—Partially complied with.

On motion it was made the duty of Church Councils to send up to Synod annually, written reports of the state of their congregations.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letter and Petitions submit the following :

No. 1 Is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith in which he states his reason for not attending this meeting of Synod. He also asserts, that the Churches of Catawba Co., have decided to establish a high school of a decidedly Lutheran character.

We. your Committee, recommend,

1st., That Rev. J. M. Smith be not excused.

2nd., The following resolution :

Resolved, That it is with great pleasure, that we hear of the proposed establishment of a literary institution of a Lutheran type, by our brethren in Catawba Co., N. C., and we most heartily commend the enterprise to the favor of the Church.

No. 2 Is a letter from Rev. T. Moser in which he sends his excuse for non-attendance at this session of Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 Is a letter from Rev. T. Crouse in which he sends his excuse for not attending Synod.

We recommend, for want of fuller and more explicit excuse, that he be not excused.

No. 4 Is a letter from Rev. J. C. Moser, in which he sends his reasons for his absence. We recommend that he be excused.

Petitions, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, are from St Mark, Bold Springs, Trinity, Bethpage, Philadelphia, Caldwell Co., and Philadelphia, Gaston Co., N. C., praying the ordination of Licentiate M. L. Little, to the office of Pastor.

No. 8 and 9 are from Mt. Moriah and Phanuel Churches, praying the ordination of Licentiate J. C. Moser to the office of Pastor.

No. 10 Is from St. James Church, at Summit, S. C., praying that Synod hold its next annual convention in that Church.

No. 11 Is from St. John Church S. C., praying that the next convention of Synod be held in their Church.

Respectfully submitted,

D. EFIRD,
M. L. FOX,
J. S. KOINER.

Item No. 1, Rev. J. M. Smith was not excused.

Item No. 2, Rev. T. Moser was excused.

Item No. 3, Rev. T. Crouse was not excused.

Item No. 4, Rev. J. C. Moser was excused.

On motion, Father H. Goodman, owing to his infirmaties and great age, was excused for not attending the meeting of this Synod.

On motion, Father T. Miller was also excused.

On motion, Petitions No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, were postponed until to-morrow morning.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Funds.

We, your Committee appointed to examine the report of Treasurer of Beneficiary funds, have attended to that duty, and find it correct.

I. CONDER,
M. L. LITTLE,
J. S. KOINER.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to prepare a pastoral letter to be appended to the minutes of the next meeting of Synod.

Committee Rev'ds L. A. Fox and S. Henkel.

On motion, Synod now adjourned until after preaching.

During recess, Rev. C. H. Bernheim preached from Rev. 21, 9.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1½ O'clock, P. M.

Synod resumed business.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when Synod adjourn, that it adjourn to meet again in St. John Church Lexington Co. S. C., on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday of October, 1876.

Preamble and Resolution of Father Dreher.

Whereas God, in his all wise Providence, has been pleased to call from time to Eternity, Rev. Godfrey Dreher, Pastor of Lutheran Congregations, Lexington Co., S. C., hereby.

Resolved, That we express our high appreciation of his services and success; that we bow in humble submission to the will of him that doeth all things well, cherish the memory of Rev. Dreher, and pray the *Master* to send in his stead faithful and worthy ministers of the New Testament.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in OUR CHURCH PAPER. These resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Corresponding Delegates Elected.

Rev. J. M. Smith to North Carolina Synod. Rev. T. Crouse his alternate.

Rev. I. Conder to Virginia Synod. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, Alternate.

On motion, Mr. A. L Yount receives Fourteen Dollars, ($14,) appropriated by Synod for his benefit, as a student of Theology.

Resolved, That one hundred dollars be appropriated to Beneficiary, A. L. Yount, with the understanding that he supplie the congregation in Monroe, Union Co., N. C., with ministerial services during the next Synodical year.

On motion, the congregation in Monroe, Union Co., N. C., was received into connection with this Synod.

Upon motion, Synod now adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. C. H. Bernheim. Mr. Yoder's letter was called for, and read before Synod.

On motion, Synod appropriated a sufficient amount to liquidate the indebtedness Brother Yoder incurred, at North Carolina College; provided it does not exceed the amount of funds on hands.

Report on President's Report.

We, your Committee appointed to report on President's report beg leave to submit the following:

Having examined the report, we find two points that claim our attention.

1. That in regard to the History of our churches and Synod.
2. That relative to Missionary operations.

With respect to the 1st, we would recommend the appoint-

ment of a committee of three ministers; that is, one in each State in the bounds of our Synod, to collect proper statistics, and material for such History, and report the result of their efforts to the next convention of Synod for further consideration.

In regard to the 2nd, we recommend that a similar committee be appointed, except that an equal number of lay members (three) be added to said committee to prepare a suitable constitution and regulations for Home Missionary operations, and present the same to the next meeting of Synod for further action.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Henkel,
D. Efird,
J. W. Hare.

On motion, Synod sustained the recommendation of the Committee. It was received and considered by Items.

Item 1, Adopted. Committee: Rev'ds A. J. Fox, D. Efird and S. Henkel

Item 2, Adopted. Committee: Rev'ds L. A. Fox, Major A. Koiner, J. R. Peterson, A. Costner, A. L. Crouse and H. A. Meetze.

On motion, Rev. S. Henkel was required to secure all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod, and have them bound, and also to collect such other material as may be of interest to the Church.

Report on State of the Church.

From information that has come into our possession, your Committee are able to report favorably on the state of the Congregations in the State of Virginia. There has been a steady, though not a rapid increase of liberality in these Congregations. The Ministers are actively engaged in the Master's work, and have met with encouraging success; no changes have taken place in pastoral relations, and cordiality and confidence prevail among Pastors and people.

Your committee are sorry that they are unable to present as favorable a report of the condition of the Churches in North Carolina. In a few of the Congregations there is some discord between Pastor and members of the Congregations; but from information that we have had, we are hopeful, that no lasting injury is likely to result from these differences. With these few exceptions, the congregations in this part of our Synod, enjoy a reasonable share of prosperity.

In the State of South Carolina, the reports coming up to us, from the Councils of Congregations, indicate a prosperous condition of the Church. It affords us pleasure to say that the brethren in this State are more active in the work

of beneficence, than in some other parts of our Synod. Upon a survey of the entire Synod, your Committee think that we have reason to believe, that the labors of the past year have not been unblessed, by the great Head of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
I. CONDER.

Resolved, That it be, and is hereby made, the duty of our Ministers to ask their Congregations to defray their expences in attending the meetings of our Synod.

Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of beneficiary funds.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1½ O'clock, P. M.

Synod resumed business.

On motion, brother M. L. Little's license was renewed.

Upon motion, the license of bro. J. C. Moser was continued.

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, the Committee on examination report, that in obedience to a resolution of last Synod, we met and examined Licentiate M. L. Little, as to his qualifications, to bear the office of Pastor, and that the examination was satisfactory, except that he had not read the full course recommended by Synod, and your Committee did not feel authorized to waive a rule of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the kind people of this community, for the unexampled hospitality, with which they have entertained us, during our pleasant stay among them, and our commendation for their respectful attendance upon the several sessions of this body, and that the President read publicly this resolution before services, Sunday morning. And,

Resolved, That our thanks are due and shall be tendered, by a copy of this resolution, to the officers of the W. C. V. M., & G. S. C., & O. B. & O., Rail Roads, that have favored us with special rates of fare.

Resolved, That as many copies of the *minutes* of the present convention of this Synod be published, as has been subscribed for, and a sufficient number in addition, to enable

the proper officer to send five copies to each of our *ministers*, one to each of our Theological Students, and two to other Synods, with which we have been accustomed to send them, and also 50 extra copies.

Resolved, That J. W. Hausenfluck be advised to place himself under the care of Rev. S. Henkel, and pursue such a course, as he may advise.

Resolved, That, if there are any funds in the hands of the Treasurer, after Mr. Yoder's debt has been settled, which he contracted while in School, at Mt. Pleasant, it is to be appropriated for the benefit of Mr. J. W. Hausenfluck.

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn to the time and place before determined.

The services were closed by Rev. L. A. Fox.

I. CONDER,
Secretary.

Religious Exercises.

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Rev. L. A. Fox, opening sermon.
Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Friday, 12 m., Rev. 21, 9, at stand.
Rev. M. L. Fox, Friday Evening, Matt. 7, 13, 14.
Rev. D. Efird, Saturday, 12 M., John 14, 6.
Rev. J. S. Bennick, Eph. 2, 8, 9, Saturday evening.
Rev. I. Conder, Saturday night, Eph. 6. 12.
Rev. A. L. Crouse, Morning Star, Rom. 10, 2, 3.
Rev. J. R. Peterson, Sunday Morning, John 6, 55.
Rev. A. J. Fox, afternoon, John 14, 21.

Confession and Absolution were attended to, by the Pastor *Loci*, and the Lord's Supper administered to Synod and Congregation.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. KOINER,

In Account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD,

1874.		DR.
Oct. 2d,	To Cash of J. N. Stirewalt former Treas.,	$16 98
" "	To am't rec'd for Minutes &c., at Synod,	57 15
" 28th,	To cash of Rev. A. L. Crouse, for Minutes,	1 80
Dec. 9th,	To amount credited on bill for printing Minutes at New Market which did not come in my hands,	14 00
		$89 93

1874.		CR.
Oct. 3,	By am't paid Dr. A. J. Fox on order of Synod expenses to N. C. Synod,	$15 00
Dec. 9,	By am't paid for printing eight hundred copies of Minutes to Henkel, Calvert & Co.,	60 00
" 9,	By postage on same,	4 10
		$79 10

1875. Balance in my hands at this time, subject to order of Synod. $10 83

Aug. 30, There is a balance in the hands of Henkel, Calvert & Co., over paid on bill for Minutes, due Synod, 4 10

Respectfully submitted,

A. KOINER,

Treasurer.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Teachers.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Current Exp'nses	Other Objects.
Rev. A. J. FOX,	1838	4	550	27		52		8	3					$ 5 00		$ 354 00	
" D. EFIRD,	1847	4	555	20		48		11	4								
" T. MOSER,	1844	3	160	16		15	2	4					5	2 00	$ 5 00		
" T. CROUSE,	1846	5	555	1	4	35		4									
" I. CONDER,	1861	4	200	7	3	15		2		3	175	15		2 00		200 00	$ 12 50
" M. L. FOX,	1871	3	100	6	1	6		6						1 20	5 00		
" M. L. LITTLE,		4	650	51	5	65	7	7						6 70	20 90	300 00	
" L. A. FOX,	1864	1	87	3		6	1	1		1	46	12	1	3 00	49 00	600 00	1 50
" J. C. MOSER,	1873	3	175	16	1	3	3	1		1				1 50		250 00	11 00
" J. M. SMITH,	1858	7	1250	25	1	72		13		3					30 00		
" J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	3	70	9		6		2						90		57 25	
" A. L. CROUSE,	1871	6	608	21	2	54	3	6		5	200	25		12 15	75 00	510 00	3 00
" J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	400	33	8	15		7		2	107	20	3	2 10		72 9[illegible]	
" J. R. PETERSON,	1843	4	320	23	3	22		3		1				6 75		320 00	5 00
" J. S. BENNICK,	1866	7	625	67	13	47	4	27		2	80	12		10 00	30 00	600 00	
" S. HENKEL,	1850	3	320	34	7	23	2	13		3	200	20	3	2 50	16 10		

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STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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TRANSACTIONS

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OF THE

Evan. Luth. Tennessee Synod.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-sixth regular meeting in St. John Church, Lexington Co., S. C., beginning on Thursday, the 5th day of October, 1876. A sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Moser; Heb. 12: 1, 2.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of ministers was called, and lay-delegates presented their certificates.

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	Rev. H. GOODMAN,*	Statesville, N. C.
2.	" A. J. FOX,	Lincolnton, N. C.
3.	" T. MILLER,*	Saumsville, Va.
4.	" J. R. PETERSON,	Dallas, N. C.
5.	" T. MOSER,*	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
6.	" S. HENKEL,	New Market, Va.
7.	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
8.	" J. M. SMITH,	Conover, N. C.
9.	" I. CONDOR,†	McGaheysville, Va.
10.	" J. S. BENNICK,*	Forestville, Va.
11.	" J. N. STIREWALT,*	Stony Man, Va.
12.	" M. L. FOX,†	Sandy Creek, N. C.
13.	" J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, N. C.
14.	" M. L. LITTLE,	Seagle's Store, N. C.
15.	" L. A. FOX,*	Waynesboro', Va.
16.	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
17.	" J. P. STIREWALT,†	New Market, Va.

* Excused. † Not excused.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Jacob Epting,.....	St. John, Lexington, S. C.
J. H. Fulmer,.....	St. Peter, Piney Ridge, S. C.
J. W. Eargle,.....	St. Jacob, "
C. Bookman,.....	Bethlehem, "
G. H. Drafts,.....	Zion, "
D. M. Sox,.....	Emanuel, "
S. P. Drafts,.....	St. James, "
D. T. Hare,.....	Cedar Grove, "
Geo. Long,.....	St. Peter, "
E. J. Price,.....	St. Paul, "
F. K. Beck,.....	Grace and Salem, N. C.
S. S. Mauny,.....	St. Mark, Luth. Chapel, Christ, N. C.
M. L. Little,.....	Trinity, Bethpage, Philadelphia, and Sardis, N. C.

The President read his Report which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—By the gracious providence of our Heavenly Father, we have been brought through the dangers, the trials, the labors, the successes and the disappointments of another year, and have again assembled in Synodical Convention. We meet to exchange views, to recount the joys and sorrows which have fallen to each, and to devise new, and execute old plans for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

A review of the condition of our Synod shows little of very encouraging nature. Death has been doing its work; and, while mortality among the members of our churches has not been greater than in former years, the place of our dear brother amongst us has been left vacant. Brother Thomas Crouse has been called from his labors in the Church militant to his reward in the Church triumphant.

Most of our pastoral charges are too large and should be divided; but in consequence of the scarcity of ministers this cannot yet be done; and it becomes duty to address ourselves anew to the work and put forth increased efforts to increase the number of ministers.

Official Acts.—During the year now ending, I have been called to perform but few official acts. By order of Synod, I renewed the license of Candidates, J. C. Moser and M. L. Little, and issued license for one year to candidate A. L. Yount.

Vacancies.—By the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse the Davidson charge in North Carolina has become vacant and still remains so. Rev. T. Moser has resigned Emanuel Church, in Union County, N. C., and candidate A. L. Yount has resigned the charge of the Church in Monroe, N. C. These two Churches are still vacant and provision for their supply should be made with as little delay as possible. I have also been informed that in consequence of feeble health Rev. A. L. Crouse has resigned the Summit charge in S. Carolina. It is hoped, however, that this brother's health will so far improve as to enable him soon to resume his labors.

New Organizations.—Since last Synod, I organized a small congregation at King's Mountain Station, on the Piedmont and Air-Line Rail-

way in Cleveland Co., N. C. No other new organizations have been reported to me.

Education—To meet the increasing demand for ministers to cultivate the fields already opened and but imperfectly occupied and also open up and occupy new ones, a school has been started in the village of Conover, Catawba Co., N. C. The leading object contemplated in the establishment of this school is to afford the means of education at the least possible cost. To this end it is believed that the location is a favorable one.—It is in the midst of a dense Lutheran population who are generally well to do farmers, and the means of living are abundant and cheap. With these advantages it is hoped that the enterprise will prove a success. I deem it proper to ask the interest of Synod in its behalf.

Missions.—I again call the attention of the Synod to the work of missions, and urge upon it the importance of making provision for carrying on this work especially in States lying west of the Mississippi river.—During the last fifty years hundreds of Lutheran families have emigrated westward and settled in the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas carrying their Lutheranism with them. Year after year petitions for ministers were addressed to Synod by these emigrants, and had timely efforts been made in their behalf these emigrants and their descendants might have been saved to the Church, and large and flourishing Lutheran congregations would now be found where the Lutheran name is scarcely known. Much time has been lost, but it is not yet too late. Something may yet be done. Within the last few years, a few ministers have been laboring among these people, and have succeeded in gathering some of them up and forming them into congregations. But what are they among so many? The territory over which their labors extend is large and help both in men and money is wanted. After repeated failures to obtain ministers these emigrant brethren ceased to make application to us and the consequence has been that many of them have been lost to the Church. The hopes of others have been somewhat revived and they have again made indirect application to us for help. Shall these calls be again unheeded, and this revived hope be permitted to again perish?

Recommendation.—I recommend that a Committee be appointed to prepare and report suitable resolutions upon the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse.

By Article IV, Section 4, of our Synodical Constitution it is provided that "Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year during which all candidates for the ministry shall be taken on trial." For some years this constitutional requirement has been carried out by a system of license. By this system candidates to the ministry have been authorized to perform all ministerial acts under license and without ordination. In my opinion this system is open to serious objections, and ought to be abandoned. If a candidate is known not to possess the necessary qualifications both mentally or morally or either, he should not in any way be invested with the office. On the other hand, if a candidate is believed to possess all the qualifications necessary to the successful discharge of ministerial duties, he should be put into the office not for one year only but for life, or during good behaviour in office. To carry out the provision of the Constitution in this regard, in a less objectionable mode, I recommend that Students in the Seminary be under the direction of the Professors, and that such as are under private instruction be directed by the pastors under whose care they have been placed.

And now, dear brethren "The God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

J. R. Peterson.

Election for Officers for the ensuing year was held with the following results:

Rev. S. HENKEL,..... ... *President*,
" J. M. SMITH,.....*Record. Secretary*,
" J. R. PETERSON,.....*Cor. Secretary*,
" A. J. FOX,.....*Treasurer*.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson, D. Efird.

3. *On Examination.*—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith.

4. *On State of the Church.*—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, J. C. Moser, F. K. Beck.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson, M. L. Little.

6. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, Dr. Eargle, J. H. Fullmer.

Letters, Papers, and Petitions, intended for Synod were now called for, handed in, and handed over to the respective Committees.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Synod met, and was opened with religious service. Roll was called. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. J. C. Moser was received as an advisory member of this Synod, and also H. A. Meetz, Esq.

Report on Letters and Petitions was read and received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Class 1. Petitions for Ordination and Licensure.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from Emanuel's and Zion's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., praying for the license and services of candidates, Messrs. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are petitions from Sardis Church, Catawba Co.; Trinity, and Bethpage, Lincoln Co.; St. Mark and Philadelphia, Gaston Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of Licentiate, M. L. Little.

Nos. 8 and 9 are petitions from Mt. Moriah and Phanuel Churches, Rowan Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of Licentiate, J. C. Moser.

No. 10 is a petiton from the Church in Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of candidate, A. L. Yount.

Nos. 11, 12, 13, are petitions from Phanuel Church, Rockingham Co., St. Paul and Powder Spring Churches, Shenandoah Co., Va., praying for the ordination and services of candidate, J. W. Hausenfluck.

Class II. Petitions for the admission of new congregations.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Matthew, Kings Mountain, N. C., praying for admission into this Synod.

No. 2 is a petition of same import from the Church at Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Thomas, Lexington Co., S. C., of similar import. In the same, they appoint Col. Chapman as their delegate.

No. 4 is a petition of same import from St. Mark, Luray, Page Co., Virginia.

Class III. Petitions for the next Convention of Synod.

No. 1 is a petition from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., asking that the next Synod may be held in that church.

Class IV. On Letters.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., delegate of the N. C. Synod in which he assigns the cause, and regrets the necessity, of his absence. Further, he expresses his own desire, and that of many others, of a closer union between that body and our Synod.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Bennick, in which he assigns too much work and want of money as a reason for his absence.

No. 3 is a letter from candidate R. A. Yoder, in which he states that he has returned to N. C. College, to finish his literary course which will end with the present scholastic year, and, for this purpose, he asks this body for an appropriation of $147 dollars.

No. 4 is a memorial from certain members of St. Peter and St. John, Lexington Co., S. C., stating "that a great misunderstanding and trouble exist between Rev. D. Efird and many persons who are, and others who have been members and officers in his Churches," which the memorialists say, "must eventually result in such a disruption in the Churches in this section that will in time work their annihilation." They further ask an investigation of these difficulties.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In reference to Nos. 1 and 2, Class 1st, your Committee recommend the Licensure of Bros. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand.

2. In reference to Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 we recommend the examination and ordination of Bro. M. L. Little.

3. In reference to Nos. 8 and 9 we recommend the examination and ordination of Bro. J. C. Moser.

4. In reference to No. 10, we offer the same recommendation.

5. In reference to Nos. 11, 12, 13, we recommend that a Committee be appointed to examine and ordain candidate, J. W. Hausenfluck, if found qualified.

6. In reference to Class 2nd, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, your Committee recommend the admission of those congregations into Synod.

7. In reference to Class four, No. 1, be it

Resolved, That we express our regret that Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., did not find it convenient to be with us.

8. In reference to No. 2, we recommend that Bro. J. S. Bennick be excused.

9. In reference to No. 4, your Committee recommend that this application for beneficiary aid be postponed till the proper time.

10. In reference to No. 4, we recommend that the matter in question be placed in the hands of a committee to report to this present meeting of Synod, the course proper to be pursued.

J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. LITTLE,
S. S. MAUNY.

Report was now taken up, and acted upon item by item.

Class I.—Item 1st and recommendation postponed for the present.

Item 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, with recommendation of Committee, adopted.

Item 8 and 9, sustained.

Item 10 is similar, and sustained; it was moved that a Committee be appointed to examine Mr. A. L. Yount, and ordain him, if necessary. Committee, J. M. Smith, J. R. Peterson, A. J. Fox.

On motion, Synod now took recess until after sermon. During intermission, Rev. J. R. Peterson preached a Synodical sermon from Romans 16: 1, 2.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod resumed business.

Item 11, 12, 13, with recommendation be sustained, and that a Committee be appointed, and that this be done at a regular or call session of the Va. Conference of the Tennessee Synod. Committee, L. A. Fox, I. Conder.

Class II.—No. 1. Received.

No. 2. Received.

No. 3. As soon as the officers be installed, it be received.

No. 4. Received.

Class III.—Petitions for Synod.

No. 1. Next meeting be held in Coble's Church, N. C.

Class IV.—No. 1. Resolution adopted.

No. 2. Brother J. S. Bennick excused.

No. 3. Recommendation of Committee be sustained.

No. 4. Adopted.

The Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, F. K. Beck, S. S. Mauny; by motion the President was added to this Committee.

Report was now adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee to submit a Constitution and Regulations for Home Missionary operations.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD IN MISSIONARY WORK.

Art. I. There shall be elected, annually, by Synod an executive Committee of three, or five, or more members, as the nature and extent of the work may require, who shall hold office until their successors shall be appointed. Of this Committee the Committee on vacancies shall be a member.

Art. II. This Executive Committee shall have charge of the Missionary work between the conventions of Synod. They shall elect one of their number Treasurer, who shall hold, and disburse the missionary monies according to the directions of the Committee. The Executive Committee may establish or discontinue missions, may employ or dismiss missionaries, and shall have the superintendence and control of all missionary operations during their time of office.

Art. III. This Committee shall hold at least two meetings during the year. It shall keep a clear and correct account of all its transactions and especially of all monies received and disbursed, and report annually to Synod and be prepared with vouchers to sustain the same, which report shall be recorded by the Secretary of Synod.

Art. IV. All monies collected from congregations or otherwise, and donations for the purpose of missions shall be paid over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee for which he shall give his receipt.

Art. V. Diligent and rigid inquiry shall be made as to the condition of every community and the prospects of establishing a self-sustaining congregation or pastorate whenever application shall be made for aid, and where these are not favorable no money shall be expended as a mere venture.

Art. VI. Every pastor in connection with this Synod shall be required to take up collections in each of his congregations annually in the most judicious manner for missions.

Art. VII. These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any meeting of Synod after giving one day's notice of the proposed amendment and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Your Committee in submitting the above plan would call the attention of the Synod to the importance of concentrated effort. It is a lesson learned after a dear experience by other bodies and they are now centering their labors upon a few places until they make them self-supporting. It is found to be far better to make large appropriations to one point and assist in building a Church than to scatter a small fund among many.

L. A. Fox,
A. Koiner,
A. L. Crouse,
H. A. Meetz,
J. R. Peterson.

Adopted item by item.
Art. I, Adopted.
Art. II, Adopted.
Art. III, Adopted.
Art. IV, Adopted.
Art. V, Adopted.
Art. VI, Adopted.
Art. VII, Adopted.
Adopted as a whole.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Dismissed with the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. M. L. Little. Minutes read and adopted.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., of the S. C. Synod being present to-day, and presenting his credentials of election as corresponding delegate to this Synod, was received, and took his seat as such among us.

It was moved that the time for the next Convention of our Synod be on Thursday, before the 2nd Sunday of November, 1877.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee are unable to report as accurately as is desirable.—In reference to the congregations in Virginia, we have learned, through various sources, that commendable progress is being made. Our ministers are at work, zealously, the people are becoming more and more interested, and our borders are being extended. In this section, we think great unity and harmony prevail.

We are happy to be able to say that in North Carolina there seems to be improvement in some of the congregations, where there had existed some discord. More friendly relations now exist and their prosperity is greater. It appears also that our people are very careful to take heed to our doctrines. Some congregations have not enjoyed regular services; hence we have no doubt, suffered loss. There have been accessions, but we are unable to say whether more or less than last year. This remark will also apply to the congregations in Virginia.

From the congregations in South Carolina, the reports are not so full as is desirable. In the cause of Beneficiary Education, these bretheren are doing very well. However, the peace of some of the congregations seems to be disturbed, but with these exceptions they seem to do well.—Considerable accessions by confirmation have been made.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. M. SMITH.

Received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned Committee on the President's Report, respectfully submit the following:

We have examined the Report, and find the following items of interest to this Synod:

I. The President recommends the appointment of a suitable Committee to prepare a report, and submit it to the present convention of this Synod, on the death of our much lamented brother, Rev. Thomas Crouse.

II. He recommends that the licensure system, as it now exists in this Synod, be dispensed with; and that a different mode of complying with the requirements of our organic law, requiring a probationary period of

one year, for the candidates of the ministry previous to their ordination, be adopted.

III. He directs the attention of Synod to an educational enterprise lately commenced at Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., and asks the interest of this Synod in that undertaking.

IV. He directs the attention of this Synod to the subject of Missions, and especially to our destitute members west of the Mississippi River, and inquires whether the Synod will take any action in the matter, or let it rest as heretofore.

In regard to the above items, your Committee will make no recommendations, because we prefer that proper resolutions be prepared and offered upon each of them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
J. M. Smith.

Resolved, That a Committee of two ministers and one lay-man be appointed to prepare and submit to this Synod a suitable preamble and resolutions on the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse.

Resolved, That we hereby recind the action of this Synod in 1864, creating a licensure system among us, and that a Committee of two ministers, and one lay-man be appointed to prepare and submit to the present Convention of this Synod a plan by, which the requirements of our Constitution in regard to the candidates for the ministry in their period of probation, can be complied with.

Resolved, That the suggestions of the President in his Annual Report in regard to Missionary enterprises has been complied with in the adoption of a constitution, by which missionary enterprises must in future be regulated among us.

Resolved, That we are pleased to learn that our brethren in and around Conover, N. C., have commenced a School of a high order, and hope they may be successful, and most cheerfully invite the attention of all our people who desire to educate their sons in a good Lutheran School, to that Institution.

Received and taken up and acted upon item by item.

Item 1, and its resolution were adopted. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. M. Smith, and Dr. Eargle.

Item 2, and its resolution adopted. Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and Mr. Epting. On motion, the President was added to the Committee.

Item 3, and resolution adopted.

Item 4, and resolution adopted.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Examination have discharged the duty assigned us, and beg to report that the examination was well sustained, and we hereby recommend Licentiates, J. C. Moser, and M. L. Little, for ordination to the office of the holy ministry.

J. M. Smith,
J. R. Peterson.

Report and recommendation of Committee adopted.

Moved that the ordination of these young brethren take place on Monday next.

Moved that the President, Rev. S. Henkel, preach the ordination sermon on Monday next.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business of last session of Synod, beg leave to submit the following;

1. On page 10, we notice the appointment of a committee to prepare a pastoral letter to be appended to the minutes of this session of Synod. Has that been done?

2. On page 11 and 12, we notice the appointment of a Committee to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and report the result of their efforts to this Convention of Synod. Has that been done?

3. On same page, we call attention to the appointment of a Committee to prepare a suitable constitution and regulations for Home Missionary operation, and present the same to this meeting of Synod. Has that been done?

4. On same page, we call attention to the appointment of Rev. S. Henkel, as a Committee of one to collect all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod, and have them bound. Has that been done?

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Peterson,
D. Efird.

Received and to be acted upon item by item.

Item 1, Complied with and that the Pastoral Letter be appended to our minutes.

Item 2, Not complied with, and Committee continued.

Item 3, Complied with.

Item 4, Complied with in part, and the Committee still continued.

A letter to Synod by Rev. L. A. Fox, in which he offers his excuse for non-attendance, was read in open Synod.—Rev. L. A. Fox excused.

A letter from Rev. A. L. Yount was read before Synod, and he was excused.

It was moved, that a report of the absentees be considered.

Rev. H. Goodman, excused.
" T. Miller, excused.
" T. Moser, excused.
" I. Conder, not excused.
" J. N. Stirewalt, excused.
" M. L. Fox, not excused.
" J. P. Stirewalt, not excused.

Adjourned now till after sermon.

During recess, Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., preached a sermon from Gal. 6: 14.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock.

Roll was called and business resumed.

The name of J. W. Nauman, Alma, Page Co., Va., was presented by Rev. S. Henkel, as applicant for the ministry in this Synod; he was by motion received under care of Synod, as a student having a view to the ministry.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Committee on the Treasurer's Report have carefully examined that document, and find that the funds of this Synod have been properly managed during the past year. After paying all the necessary expenses; we find that there is remaining in the Treasury $66.18.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
CARROLL BOOKMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OTHER SYNODS.

Your Committee on Minutes have been placed in the possession of two only such documents.

No. I. Are the Minutes of the Evan. Luth. Synod of N. C. We have carefully examined them and find nothing which demands any action of this Synod. These brethren manifest much zeal and energy in the work of our Divine Master, and in some respects are doing much to promote its interest.

Its officers are, Rev. L. A. Bickle, D. D., President, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rec. Sec., Rev. Prof. W. E. Hubbert, Cor. Sec., Rev. S. Rothrock, Treasurer.

No. II, Are the Minutes of the 9th and 10th Convention of the Evan. Luth. General Synod of North America. These Minutes are accompanied by a letter to the late President of this Synod, and through him addressed to this Synod. By the Secretary of that body directing special attention to certain items contained in these minutes.

We have carefully examined these Minutes and find only one item requiring any action by this Synod. On page 28th, we find a resolution, inviting this Synod, to reconsider its actions declining to unite with that body, and very earnestly urge us to unite with them, upon their basis of an unreserved acceptance of the Augsburg Confession.

The officers of this Synod are, Rev. J. P. Margart, President, Rev. H. S. Wingard, Sec., Mr. J. F. Schirmer, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
J. H. FULMER,
J. W. EARGLE.

Received.

Item 2, of this Report, was disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That under existing circumstances, we regard it inexpedient to take any steps either, toward uniting with or in any way committing ourselves to any one of the General Lutheran Bodies in this country.

By motion Synod now proceded to elect a Treasurer for the Beneficiary Fund.

Rev. T. Moser was re-elected as Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

Moved, a Committee of two ministers and one lay-man, be appointed to revise our Beneficiary Educational system and report at next meeting of Synod. Committee, A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. Costner.

Moved, that a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare Theses on some doctrine, for discussion at the next meeting of Synod, and that they be published in *Our Church Paper* a few months previous. The Committee are Rev. J. R. Peterson and Rev. S. Henkel.

Resolved, That the members of this Synod return their most sincere thanks to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst, and that it be made the duty of the President to read this resolution before the congregation, on Sunday, immediately before the first service and make such additional remarks as he may deem proper.

A call was now extended to the ministers present, to state whether our three several standing resolutions have been complied with. Each Minister, being called upon, made statements, as to his practice.

Moved to adjourn until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed with benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Dr. Smeltzer.

Minutes read, amended, and adopted.

An executive Committee on Home Missions was appointed. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. M. Smith, and Mr. A. Costner.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee on the probation of candidates for the ministry, have examined the matter with as much care as we have had time to do, and regard it a matter that requires more time than we can command. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Committee of two ministers be appointed to mature a plan by which the requirements of Synod upon this subject can be successfully carried into effect, and report to the next annual Convention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
S. HENKEL,
J. R. PETERSON.

Received and adopted.

Committee, Revs A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, S. Henkel.

The following Preamble and Resolution in reference to the above report were adopted.

WHEREAS, Petitions for the licenture of two candidates to the ministry have been addressed to this Synod, and

WHEREAS, By action of this meeting the licensure system has been abolished. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That Messrs. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand place themselves under the direction of some pastor or pastors connected with the Synod until the next meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAPERS RELATING TO REV. D. EFIRD AND OTHERS.

Your Committee to whom the written document addressed to this Synod signed by certain individual members of St. John, St. Peter, Piney Woods, and St. Jacob Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., stating that unpleasant things exist in their midst, that are having a damaging effect upon the Church, and which if permitted to continue, they assert, will result in their annihilation; in proof of which they refer to two printed articles, one written by Rev. D. Efird and the other by certain parties who subscribe themselves Trustees and patrons of Pine Ridge Academy, have carefully examined these papers, and find those who have subscribed the memorial addressed to us, have neither preferred any charges against Rev. D. Efird themselves, nor named any persons who do. Nor do they express any opinion in regard to the matter. But simply ask Synod to investigate the matter. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Committee of two, one minister and one layman be appointed, whose duty it shall be to call a meeting at St. Peter, Piney Woods Church, or in its vicinity, at such time as may be most convenient, for the purpose of hearing any charges that may be preferred, with such evidence as they may offer also hear the defence of Rev. Efird and the proof he may offer, and make a record of them, and report them to the next annual Convention of this Synod.

The parties, however, who ask for this investigation are required to defray the traveling expenses of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
A. J. FOX,
F. R. BECK,
S. S. MAUNEY,
S. HENKEL.

Received and adopted.

Committee, Rev. A. J. Fox and Mr. Ambrose Costner or Mr. M. L. Cline.

IN MEMORY OF

REV. T. CROUSE.

WHEREAS, God, in his wise Providence, has called from his labors on earth, Rev. T. CROUSE, a faithful Minister of our Synod, to his rest and reward on high; therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God herein, and humbly bow to his righteous ways, that we cherish his memory, and pray God for grace, that we may meekly submit to his dispensation.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in "OUR CHURCH PAPER," and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

J. M. SMITH,
J. R. PETERSON,
Dr. J. W. EARGLE.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, and each General Body of Lutherans in this country; and the Synods in correspondence with this body two copies each.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To. N. C. Synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson, *Principal*, Rev. M. L. Little, *Alternate*.

To S. C. Synod Rev. D. Efird, *Principal*, and Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Alternate*.

To Holston Synod, J. R. Peterson, *Principal*, and Rev. J. M. Smith, *Alternate*.

To the Penn. Synod, Rev. S Henkel.

Synod now adjourned until after service.

During recess, Rev. S. Henkel preached an ordination sermon from Mark 16: 15. Immediately after this sermon Brethren M. L. Little and J. C. Moser were ordained to the Holy Office of the Ministry. After this solemn service, Synod was called to order.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M

The roll was called. Business was resumed.

Moved, that Mr. R. A. Yoder as beneficiary received $150.00 ; $50.00 to J. W. Nauman, and J. W. Hausenfluck, $15.00, provided the funds will admit, if not then apportionately.

Resolved, That we place in a proper light, before our congregations the want of the Beneficiary cause and urge our people to contribute more liberally than heretofore.

Preamable and resolution adopted.

WHEREAS. Prof. Ben. Hyde Benton, President of Polytechnic Institute, at New Market, Va., has kindly tendered to this Synod, three free scholarships, in that Institute, one for the congregation of this Synod in S. C., and two for our Churches in N. C., upon condition that the candidates are over 14 years of age, and come with a recommendation from one of the ministers of this Synod.

Resolved. That we highly appreciate this kind offer and most cheerfully accept it, and tender our most sincere thanks to the kind donor.

Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod,

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn to meet at the time and place designated in these minutes. Closed by Rev. S. Henkel.

J. M. SMITH, *Secretary*.

Religious Services on Sunday.

A large congregation assembled and listened to a sermon in the morning by Rev. A. J. Fox, from 2 Cor. 3: 6.

A recess was given, after which the congregation re assembled and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. J. M. Smith, from 2 Tim. 4: 2.

Confession and Absolution were then attended to, and the Holy Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of Lutherans.

Good order and attention characterized the assembly, and the Word preached will not return void.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. S. HENKEL,

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

			Dr.
1875.			
Sept. 9,	To am't received for Minutes,		$47.70
" " " "	from Treas. of 1873,		35.00
" " " "	" Treas. of 1872,		3.15
" " " "	" Rev. J. S. Bennick,		10 30
" 21, " "	" " J. N. Stirewalt,		30
" 29, " "	" A. Conrad, Esq.,		90
Oct. 29, " "	" Rev. J. N. Stirewalt,		2.36
Nov. 19, " "	" Maj A. Koiner, Treas., 1874,		10.83
1876.			
Jan. 6,	To am't from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,		1.40
			$111.94
1875. Nov.	To amount of Henkel & Co., for adver. in Minutes,		5.00
			$116.94
1876.	Cr.		
Nov.	By am't paid Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes,	$45.00	
Dec. 15,	By am't paid for postage on Min.,	5.76	
		$50.76	
Sept. 30,	By balance on hand, subject to order,		$66.18
			$116.94

S. HENKEL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREAS. OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

T MOSER,

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

		Dr.
1875.		
Sept. 2,	To am't on hand,	$33.55
Dec. 11,	" " from J. C. Moser's Charge,	12.75
1876.		
Jan. 8,	To am't from M. L. Little's charge,	20.15
" "	" " " M. L. Fox's charge,	5.00
Feb. 10	" " " J. R. Peterson's charge,	21.00
" "	" " " T. Moser's charge,	5.00
		$97.45

		Cr.	
1876.			
Jan. 13,	By am't paid A. L. Yount,	$14.00	
" 21,	" " " R. A. Yoder,	30.00	
Feb. 18,	" " " A. L. Yount,	50.00	
		$94.00	
	Leaves a balance in my hands of		$3.45

Respectfully submitted, T. MOSER, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S AGENT'S REPORT.

S. Henkel with Rev. T. Moser,
Treasurer of Tenn. Synod Beneficiary Association.

		Dr.
1875.		
Sept. 9,	To cash of Rev. A. L. Crouse,	$ 5.95
" " "	" John Lohr, Mt. Zion Ch., Va.,	3.10
" " "	" Rev. J. S. Bennick,	30.00
1876.		
Jan. 6,	To cash of St. Paul Church,	2.63
Apr. 14,	" " Emanuel Church,	8.01
" " "	" Mrs. Mary M. Henkel,	3.15
		$52.84

		Cr.
1876.		
May.	By am't paid John W. Hausenfluck, as per order,	$50.00
Sept. 30,	By Balance on hand,	2.84
		$52.84

S. HENKEL,
Agent of Beneficiary Treasurer.

The reports on Beneficiary Fund were not examined by Synod, but were placed in the hands of the President after the convention of Synod, who thought it proper to put them in Minutes. S. HENKEL.

CONTRIBUTION FOR SYNODICAL TREASURY FOR 1876.

Rev. A. L. Crouses' Charge:	
Zion's,	$1.60
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PASTORAL LETTER.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." If Paul was inspired, this language has the greatest possible force for binding the conscience. It is the conclusion, legitimately drawn, from a clear and irrefutable argument, free from every suspicion of fallacy because conducted by inspiration, and thus binds conscience through our reason. It, also, announces as a fact that God has made it a perpetual law, and thus binds the conscience by positive divine authority. It is, therefore, no longer a question of expediency or fitness, or a matter of choice but a duty as certain and imperative as any given in the Scriptures, and for which we will as surely be required to account. A man is no more excusable for neglecting to bear his part in supporting his pastor than he is for defrauding, for the same Lord who said, "Defraud not," said also "that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

Whatever may be thought of the relation of the ministry to the "universal priesthood," it will not be denied that the office of the ministry is of divine appointment; for the performance of a work which could not be accomplished without it. "He gave some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." This office, so important to the existence and perpetuity of the Church, can be filled only by men "of like passions with ourselves," who have necessities, sympathies, and affections in common with other men. They have no cruse of oil miraculously replenished, nor ravens to carry them food, and they are left to natural resources by which to support existence. God has made it the duty of the people to whom they minister to supply their physical wants.

If the minister is an embassador of God he is an agent of the Church in performing that work which God carries on through His Church. The Church must teach every creature, but as the great body cannot go to foreign lands they send others, and through them discharge their duty to the heathen. So every congregation must preach the gospel to every person within its territory; it must administer the Sacraments, maintain a confession of the truth, and continually edify itself, not only by increasing its numbers but also by perfecting the saints through an advancing knowledge of the Word. But as the majority of every congregation must be engaged in secular pursuits it meets its responsibility only by selecting one to perform that common work.—Ministers are servants of the Church. "Ourselves your servants." They have no further interest in their work than every Christian ought to have. Congregations have the right, and do call pastors, and deputize them to perform this general work. It is a matter of common justice that the congregations should compensate them according to the service rendered. "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," said the law of Moses. "Doth God take care for oxen?" asked Paul. The argument is, that if God ordained a law that the oxen should be maintained while laboring for us, much more must every man receive adequate wages. Twice does Paul quote the Mosaic precept while discussing the duty of supporting the ministry, and once in connection with the language of the Savior, "The laborer is worthy of his reward." The salary of a pastor is not a charity, but well-earned wages. Who does not expect to pay a lawyer for his counsel, a physician for his attention, the laborer for his service? It is common equity. They have no more right to expect a minister to spend his time and strength without compensation. This is the principle upon which both Christ and Paul place this duty. In every service the wages are regulated very much by the talent and preparation requisite to rendering them. There are neither the talents nor prerequisite training necessary to the laborer in the field that there are for the physician,—and they receive different rewards. There is no calling that demands a longer course of training and greater natural gifts than the ministry, and according to the Scriptural rule their salaries ought to range with the very highest; com-

mon equity would demand it. But as a matter of fact ordinary mechanics who have served an apprenticeship of eighteen months receive better wages. If the little stipulated salary be not regularly paid, as is very often true, what wrong! "Behold the hire of laborers, who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth, and the cries of them which reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth." Much more the cries of a defrauded ministry.

Ministers are often treated as if they were drones—as a class to be supported for maintaining a decent appearance in society, which, if it were only fashionable, might easily be dispensed with. But on the contrary, the minister is the most useful member of the community. From the standpoint of mere financial interest, we cannot fail to see that he is of incalculable importance. Public preaching does far more to restrain passion and lust than the arm of the law. It keeps alive a moral sentiment in the public mind. It is a terror to evil doers. Shut up the churches of a community and very soon an oath looses its sanctity and the administration of justice is at end, property is not safe, trusts are betrayed, and life itself is constantly endangered. He is of equal importance to social culture. Education unregulated by moral sentiments only increases the power of evil. Who would desire to bring up a family of children in a community where there were no churches? A philosopher said that "Christianity is the foundation of modern civilization." If we remove the foundation, our civilization falls. France banished Christianity, and had the Reign of Terrors. But without the ministry Christianity could not exist. That man who does most to preserve and extend the civilization of any community is the minister. Any other man could, therefore, be better spared than a faithful, earnest pastor. If these things are true even the infidel, desiring to do justly, must contribute to the support of the ministry. But his labors considered in their bearing upon our immortal interest are immeasurably more important. Preaching often seems to do but little good. Congregations disperse apparently precisely like they were when they assembled. We do not know the benefit until after the churches have been closed a few years. A single drop does not perceptibly add to a bucket containing a quantity of water, but drop after drop

at length fills it, and when the dripping has ceased evaporation begins, and at last all is gone. Who warns and admonishes the sinner? Who dedicates the child through Holy Baptism? Who administers the Holy Supper? Who expounds the truth? Who ministers to the dying? He seeks us when we stray, strengthens us when we are weak, comforts us when we are in trouble, and sympathizes with us when we are distressed. Without his influence the Word had never found us when we were utterly indifferent, and without him we would again become cold, unbelieving, and finally be lost. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." Notwithstanding our religious literature and the multiplication of the Bible and Christian activity, since the ministry is the fountain of all, it may still be asked with all its original force, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" A life that ends in everlasting misery is worse than wasted. If we are damned "it had been better for us never to have been born." In return for the spiritual blessings and hopes that the ministry bring us, what is due them? "If we have sown unto you spiritual things is it a great thing if we shall reap of your carnal things." With much more than double emphasis we repeat that an earnest, faithful minister of the Word is the most indispensable man in any community. Common equity would say if every other man must go unrewarded the minister must not.

The work of the minister is one of great responsibility. It is the cure of souls. He must rightly divide the Word of truth. If any perish through his neglect God requires the blood of that one at his hands. His *whole time* is necessary for a proper discharge of the functions of his office. Is not this the rule given to Timothy? "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy. Meditate on these things; *give thyself wholly to them.*" It is not because he is too holy, but because he has not time to engage in secular pursuits that makes it wrong for a minister to seek a support from them. "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables." Whenever a minister combines a secular calling with his pastoral duties there is wrong somewhere. If it is for filthy lucre's sake, it

is with him; but if to obtain a support, the wrong is with the people whom he serves.

The ministry has a right to ask a comfortable living. God gave the Levites no inheritance when He divided the Land of Promise, because they were to be supported by the offerings from the other tribes. "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" Some have reproached those ministers who have asked a very modest living as being money preachers, not knowing that they impeach the apostle who, by the language just quoted, gave them the right to claim it. Ministers have never demanded what common equity would allow,—they have always been satisfied with an income that would meet necessary wants.

The people generally do not consider the many extra expenses of the ministry. For every thing he gets he must pay cash, except the few donations from his parishioners. He must buy provender for his horse and cow, and, if his home is in a town, often vegetables as well as flour, meat and groceries. He needs books and should purchase only standard ones, which are costly. He is expected to dress himself and family well, the people themselves complain when he does not make a respectable appearance in society. He must often entertain visitors. He must set an example of charity, and in many communities if a man has lost his house or barn by fire he comes to the minister to head the list of subscription for a new one. Then his children, are to be educated, for it is all he can expect to give them. These and many things would consume a much larger income than the great majority of ministers receive were it not for an economy rarely know beyond the threshhold of a parsonage. He knows he ought to provide for old age, or for his family if he should die. But he sees no way, and he dismisses as quickly as possible a thought that if indulged would crush him. A salary upon which a minister can just keep out of debt is not a comfortable living. It ought to be large enough to make him easy in maintaining that style of life which is expected of him, to educate his children, and to lay aside something every year for a Winter's day. If it become a rule that he is to be discarded when he is fifty years old, it is the duty of those who receive the benefit of

his labors to provide for his comfort when those labors are no longer wanted.

In this matter our Synod is behind in duty. Our parochial reports reveal the fact that but one congregation makes an effort to support its pastor. This is not because there are no others able to do it. The great majority of our pastors are compelled to engage in other callings, notwithstanding the large number of communicants some of them report. Many of our pastorates could be divided into two or three, and each could give a comfortable salary. They would reap the benefit in many ways. They would have more frequent and better preaching. Their pastor could visit them, and a stronger feeling of interest would spring up between himself and his people. He could learn better their wants and address himself more directly and intelligently to meeting them. He could visit the sick. He could call on families that are out of all church relations and carry the gospel to firesides that can not be otherwise reached. Our ministers would all be more efficient and our congregations more prosperous.

The work is easy when earnestly begun. Men who give ten dollars could give seventy-five and not be a cent poorer at the end of the year. Many will say "Oh! that is too much, too much, I can't give that." But there are thousands in our country who are no wealthier than they are who give annually double that much. Many who give five dollars could give fifty. It can be done, for it has been done easily when once men were in earnest. They are not "broken up" yet and if God's promise does not fail they will never be by that sort of liberality, for He has said "the liberal soul shall be made fat." The time has come for our congregations to take a step forward, and now let each member boldly make an advance, and the work will be done grandly.

It must be done to preserve our existence. After men have spent from six to eight years and all their patrimony in preparing for the ministry they must be supported or they will locate elsewhere, or they will be deterred from entering the ministry at all. The time was when a lower standard of education sufficed, and our ministers having more time and money could live on less. If we close our eyes to the change, that does not alter the fact. Can the

Tennessee Synod after having stood and boldly confessed the truth for more than a half century, with such a history, and with so many souls under her care and within reach of her influence consent to betray her trust and ingloriously perish? Her record is too bright, her zeal too deep, her love for the truth too intense to allow her to consent to such an end. We may, then confidently appeal to our people to double and triple and quadruple their contributions to the support of the ministry until our self-sustaining charges be many times multiplied, and every minister be stripped of every excuse for leaving the word to serve tables.

L. A. Fox,
S. Henkel. } *Committee.*

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next suceeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-sixth regular meeting in St. John Church, Lexington Co., S. C., beginning on Thursday, the 5th day of October, 1876. A sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Moser; Heb. 12: 1, 2.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of ministers was called, and lay-delegates presented their certificates.

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	Rev. H. GOODMAN,*	Statesville, N. C.
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14.	" M. L. LITTLE,	Seagle's Store, N. C.
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16.	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
17.	" J. P. STIREWALT,†	New Market, Va.

* Excused. † Not excused.

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Names.	Churches Represented.
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C. Bookman,	Bethlehem, "
G. H. Drafts,	Zion, "
D. M. Sox,	Emanuel, "
S. P. Drafts,	St. James, "
D. T. Hare,	Cedar Grove, "
Geo. Long,	St. Peter, "
E. J. Price,	St. Paul, "
F. K. Beck,	Grace and Salem, N. C.
S. S. Mauny,	St. Mark, Luth. Chapel, Christ, N. C.
M. L. Little,	Trinity, Bethpage, Philadelphia, and Sardis, N. C.

The President read his Report which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—By the gracious providence of our Heavenly Father, we have been brought through the dangers, the trials, the labors, the successes and the disappointments of another year, and have again assembled in Synodical Convention. We meet to exchange views, to recount the joys and sorrows which have fallen to each, and to devise new, and execute old plans for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

A review of the condition of our Synod shows little of very encouraging nature. Death has been doing its work; and, while mortality among the members of our churches has not been greater than in former years, the place of our dear brother amongst us has been left vacant. Brother Thomas Crouse has been called from his labors in the Church militant to his reward in the Church triumphant.

Most of our pastoral charges are too large and should be divided; but in consequence of the scarcity of ministers this cannot yet be done; and it becomes duty to address ourselves anew to the work and put forth increased efforts to increase the number of ministers.

Official Acts.—During the year now ending, I have been called to perform but few official acts. By order of Synod, I renewed the license of Candidates, J. C. Moser and M. L. Little, and issued license for one year to candidate A. L. Yount.

Vacancies.—By the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse the Davidson charge in North Carolina has become vacant and still remains so. Rev. T. Moser has resigned Emanuel Church, in Union County, N. C., and candidate A. L. Yount has resigned the charge of the Church in Monroe, N. C. These two Churches are still vacant and provision for their supply should be made with as little delay as possible. I have also been informed that in consequence of feeble health Rev. A. L. Crouse has resigned the Summit charge in S. Carolina. It is hoped, however, that this brother's health will so far improve as to enable him soon to resume his labors.

New Organizations.—Since last Synod, I organized a small congregation at King's Mountain Station, on the Piedmont and Air-Line Rail-

way in Cleveland Co., N. C. No other new organizations have been reported to me.

Education—To meet the increasing demand for ministers to cultivate the fields already opened and but imperfectly occupied and also open up and occupy new ones, a school has been started in the village of Conover, Catawba Co., N. C. The leading object contemplated in the establishment of this school is to afford the means of education at the least possible cost. To this end it is believed that the location is a favorable one.—It is in the midst of a dense Lutheran population who are generally well to do farmers, and the means of living are abundant and cheap. With these advantages it is hoped that the enterprise will prove a success. I deem it proper to ask the interest of Synod in its behalf.

Missions.—I again call the attention of the Synod to the work of missions, and urge upon it the importance of making provision for carrying on this work especially in States lying west of the Mississippi river.—During the last fifty years hundreds of Lutheran families have emigrated westward and settled in the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas carrying their Lutheranism with them. Year after year petitions for ministers were addressed to Synod by these emigrants, and had timely efforts been made in their behalf these emigrants and their descendants might have been saved to the Church, and large and flourishing Lutheran congregations would now be found where the Lutheran name is scarcely known. Much time has been lost, but it is not yet too late. Something may yet be done. Within the last few years, a few ministers have been laboring among these people, and have succeeded in gathering some of them up and forming them into congregations. But what are they among so many? The territory over which their labors extend is large and help both in men and money is wanted. After repeated failures to obtain ministers these emigrant brethren ceased to make application to us and the consequence has been that many of them have been lost to the Church. The hopes of others have been somewhat revived and they have again made indirect application to us for help. Shall these calls be again unheeded, and this revived hope be permitted to again perish?

Recommendation.—I recommend that a Committee be appointed to prepare and report suitable resolutions upon the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse.

By Article IV, Section 4, of our Synodical Constitution it is provided that "Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year during which all candidates for the ministry shall be taken on trial." For some years this constitutional requirement has been carried out by a system of license. By this system candidates to the ministry have been authorized to perform all ministerial acts under license and without ordination. In my opinion this system is open to serious objections, and ought to be abandoned. If a candidate is known not to possess the necessary qualifications both mentally or morally or either, he should not in any way be invested with the office. On the other hand, if a candidate is believed to possess all the qualifications necessary to the successful discharge of ministerial duties, he should be put into the office not for one year only but for life, or during good behaviour in office. To carry out the provision of the Constitution in this regard, in a less objectionable mode, I recommend that Students in the Seminary be under the direction of the Professors, and that such as are under private instruction be directed by the pastors under whose care they have been placed.

And now, dear brethren "The God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

J. R. Peterson.

Election for Officers for the ensuing year was held with the following results:

Rev. S. HENKEL,..... ....*President*,
" J. M. SMITH,.....*Record. Secretary*,
" J. R. PETERSON,.....*Cor. Secretary*,
" A. J. FOX,.....*Treasurer*.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson, D. Efird.

3. *On Examination.*—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith.

4. *On State of the Church.*—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, J. C. Moser, F. K. Beck.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson, M. L. Little.

6. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, Dr. Eargle, J. H. Fullmer.

Letters, Papers, and Petitions, intended for Synod were now called for, handed in, and handed over to the respective Committees.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Synod met, and was opened with religious service. Roll was called. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. J. C. Moser was received as an advisory member of this Synod, and also H. A. Meetz, Esq.

Report on Letters and Petitions was read and received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Class I. Petitions for Ordination and Licensure.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from Emanuel's and Zion's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., praying for the license and services of candidates, Messrs. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are petitions from Sardis Church, Catawba Co.; Trinity, and Bethpage, Lincoln Co.; St. Mark and Philadelphia, Gaston Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of Licentiate, M. L. Little.

Nos. 8 and 9 are petitions from Mt. Moriah and Phanuel Churches, Rowan Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of Licentiate, J. C. Moser.

No. 10 is a petiton from the Church in Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of candidate, A. L. Yount.

Nos. 11, 12, 13, are petitions from Phanuel Church, Rockingham Co., St. Paul and Powder Spring Churches, Shenandoah Co., Va., praying for the ordination and services of candidate, J. W. Hausenfluck.

Class II. Petitions for the admission of new congregations.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Matthew, Kings Mountain, N. C., praying for admission into this Synod.

No. 2 is a petition of same import from the Church at Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Thomas, Lexington Co., S. C., of similar import. In the same, they appoint Col. Chapman as their delegate.

No. 4 is a petition of same import from St. Mark, Luray, Page Co., Virginia.

Class III. Petitions for the next Convention of Synod.

No. 1 is a petition from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., asking that the next Synod may be held in that church.

Class IV. On Letters.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., delegate of the N. C. Synod in which he assigns the cause, and regrets the necessity, of his absence. Further, he expresses his own desire, and that of many others, of a closer union between that body and our Synod.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Bennick, in which he assigns too much work and want of money as a reason for his absence.

No. 3 is a letter from candidate R. A. Yoder, in which he states that he has returned to N. C. College, to finish his literary course which will end with the present scholastic year, and, for this purpose, he asks this body for an appropriation of $147 dollars.

No. 4 is a memorial from certain members of St. Peter and St. John, Lexington Co., S. C., stating "that a great misunderstanding and trouble exist between Rev. D. Efird and many persons who are, and others who have been members and officers in his Churches," which the memorialists say, "must eventually result in such a disruption in the Churches in this section that will in time work their annihilation." They further ask an investigation of these difficulties.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In reference to Nos. 1 and 2, Class 1st, your Committee recommend the Licensure of Bros. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand.

2. In reference to Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 we recommend the examination and ordination of Bro. M. L. Little.

3. In reference to Nos. 8 and 9 we recommend the examination and ordination of Bro. J. C. Moser.

4. In reference to No. 10, we offer the same recommendation.

5. In reference to Nos. 11, 12, 13, we recommend that a Committee be appointed to examine and ordain candidate, J. W. Hausenfluck, if found qualified.

6. In reference to Class 2nd, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, your Committee recommend the admission of those congregations into Synod.

7. In reference to Class four, No. 1, be it

Resolved, That we express our regret that Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., did not find it convenient to be with us.

8. In reference to No. 2, we recommend that Bro. J. S. Bennick be excused.

9. In reference to No. 4, your Committee recommend that this application for beneficiary aid be postponed till the proper time.

10. In reference to No. 4, we recommend that the matter in question be placed in the hands of a committee to report to this present meeting of Synod, the course proper to be pursued.

J. R. Peterson,
M. L. Little,
S. S. Mauny.

Report was now taken up, and acted upon item by item.

Class I.—Item 1st and recommendation postponed for the present.

Item 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, with recommendation of Committee, adopted.

Item 8 and 9, sustained.

Item 10 is similar, and sustained; it was moved that a Committee be appointed to examine Mr. A. L. Yount, and ordain him, if necessary. Committee, J. M. Smith, J R. Peterson, A. J. Fox.

On motion, Synod now took recess until after sermon. During intermission, Rev. J. R. Peterson preached a Synodical sermon from Romans 16: 1, 2.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod resumed business.

Item 11, 12, 13, with recommendation be sustained, and that a Committee be appointed, and that this be done at a regular or call session of the Va. Conference of the Tennessee Synod. Committee, L. A. Fox, I. Conder.

Class II.—No. 1. Received.

No. 2. Received.

No. 3. As soon as the officers be installed, it be received.

No. 4. Received.

Class III.—Petitions for Synod.

No. 1. Next meeting be held in Coble's Church, N. C.

Class IV.—No. 1. Resolution adopted.

No. 2. Brother J. S. Bennick excused.

No. 3. Recommendation of Committee be sustained.

No. 4. Adopted.

The Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, F. K. Beck, S. S. Mauny; by motion the President was added to this Committee.

Report was now adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee to submit a Constitution and Regulations for Home Missionary operations.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD IN MISSIONARY WORK.

Art. I. There shall be elected, annually, by Synod an executive Committee of three, or five, or more members, as the nature and extent of the work may require, who shall hold office until their successors shall be appointed. Of this Committee the Committee on vacancies shall be a member.

Art. II. This Executive Committee shall have charge of the Missionary work between the conventions of Synod. They shall elect one of their number Treasurer, who shall hold, and disburse the missionary monies according to the directions of the Committee. The Executive Committee may establish or discontinue missions, may employ or dismiss missionaries, and shall have the superintendence and control of all missionary operations during their time of office.

Art. III. This Committee shall hold at least two meetings during the year. It shall keep a clear and correct account of all its transactions and especially of all monies received and disbursed, and report annually to Synod and be prepared with vouchers to sustain the same, which report shall be recorded by the Secretary of Synod.

Art. IV. All monies collected from congregations or otherwise, and donations for the purpose of missions shall be paid over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee for which he shall give his receipt.

Art. V. Diligent and rigid inquiry shall be made as to the condition of every community and the prospects of establishing a self-sustaining congregation or pastorate whenever application shall be made for aid, and where these are not favorable no money shall be expended as a mere venture.

Art. VI. Every pastor in connection with this Synod shall be required to take up collections in each of his congregations annually in the most judicious manner for missions.

Art. VII. These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any meeting of Synod after giving one day's notice of the proposed amendment and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Your Committee in submitting the above plan would call the attention of the Synod to the importance of concentrated effort. It is a lesson learned after a dear experience by other bodies and they are now centering their labors upon a few places until they make them self-supporting. It is found to be far better to make large appropriations to one point and assist in building a Church than to scatter a small fund among many.

L. A. Fox,
A. Koiner,
A. L. Crouse,
H. A. Meetz,
J. R. Peterson.

Adopted item by item.
Art. I, Adopted.
Art. II, Adopted.
Art. III, Adopted.
Art. IV, Adopted.
Art. V, Adopted.
Art. VI, Adopted.
Art. VII, Adopted.
Adopted as a whole.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Dismissed with the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. M. L. Little. Minutes read and adopted.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., of the S. C. Synod being present to-day, and presenting his credentials of election as corresponding delegate to this Synod, was received, and took his seat as such among us.

It was moved that the time for the next Convention of our Synod be on Thursday, before the 2nd Sunday of November, 1877.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee are unable to report as accurately as is desirable.—In reference to the congregations in Virginia, we have learned, through various sources, that commendable progress is being made. Our ministers are at work, zealously, the people are becoming more and more interested, and our borders are being extended. In this section, we think great unity and harmony prevail.

We are happy to be able to say that in North Carolina there seems to be improvement in some of the congregations, where there had existed some discord. More friendly relations now exist and their prosperity is greater. It appears also that our people are very careful to take heed to our doctrines. Some congregations have not enjoyed regular services; hence we have no doubt, suffered loss. There have been accessions, but we are unable to say whether more or less than last year. This remark will also apply to the congregations in Virginia.

From the congregations in South Carolina, the reports are not so full as is desirable. In the cause of Beneficiary Education, these bretheren are doing very well. However, the peace of some of the congregations seems to be disturbed, but with these exceptions they seem to do well.—Considerable accessions by confirmation have been made.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. M. SMITH.

Received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned Committee on the President's Report, respectfully submit the following:

We have examined the Report, and find the following items of interest to this Synod:

I. The President recommends the appointment of a suitable Committee to prepare a report, and submit it to the present convention of this Synod, on the death of our much lamented brother, Rev. Thomas Crouse.

II. He recommends that the licensure system, as it now exists in this Synod, be dispensed with; and that a different mode of complying with the requirements of our organic law, requiring a probationary period of

one year, for the candidates of the ministry previous to their ordination, be adopted.

III. He directs the attention of Synod to an educational enterprise lately commenced at Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., and asks the interest of this Synod in that undertaking.

IV. He directs the attention of this Synod to the subject of Missions, and especially to our destitute members west of the Mississippi River, and inquires whether the Synod will take any action in the matter, or let it rest as heretofore.

In regard to the above items, your Committee will make no recommendations, because we prefer that proper resolutions be prepared and offered upon each of them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
J. M. Smith.

Resolved, That a Committee of two ministers and one lay-man be appointed to prepare and submit to this Synod a suitable preamble and resolutions on the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse.

Resolved, That we hereby recind the action of this Synod in 1864, creating a licensure system among us, and that a Committee of two ministers, and one lay-man be appointed to prepare and submit to the present Convention of this Synod a plan by, which the requirements of our Constitution in regard to the candidates for the ministry in their period of probation, can be complied with.

Resolved, That the suggestions of the President in his Annual Report in regard to Missionary enterprises has been complied with in the adoption of a constitution, by which missionary enterprises must in future be regulated among us.

Resolved, That we are pleased to learn that our brethren in and around Conover, N. C., have commenced a School of a high order, and hope they may be successful, and most cheerfully invite the attention of all our people who desire to educate their sons in a good Lutheran School, to that Institution.

Received and taken up and acted upon item by item.

Item 1, and its resolution were adopted. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. M. Smith, and Dr. Eargle.

Item 2, and its resolution adopted. Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and Mr. Epting. On motion, the President was added to the Committee.

Item 3, and resolution adopted.

Item 4, and resolution adopted.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Examination have discharged the duty assigned us, and beg to report that the examination was well sustained, and we hereby recommend Licentiates, J. C. Moser, and M. L. Little, for ordination to the office of the holy ministry.

J. M. Smith,
J. R. Peterson.

Report and recommendation of Committee adopted.

Moved that the ordination of these young brethren take place on Monday next.

Moved that the President, Rev. S. Henkel, preach the ordination sermon on Monday next.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business of last session of Synod, beg leave to submit the following:

1. On page 10, we notice the appointment of a committee to prepare a pastoral letter to be appended to the minutes of this session of Synod. Has that been done?

2. On page 11 and 12, we notice the appointment of a Committee to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and report the result of their efforts to this Convention of Synod. Has that been done?

3. On same page, we call attention to the appointment of a Committee to prepare a suitable constitution and regulations for Home Missionary operation, and present the same to this meeting of Synod. Has that been done?

4. On same page, we call attention to the appointment of Rev. S. Henkel, as a Committee of one to collect all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod, and have them bound. Has that been done?

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Peterson,
D. Efird.

Received and to be acted upon item by item.

Item 1, Complied with and that the Pastoral Letter be appended to our minutes.

Item 2, Not complied with, and Committee continued.

Item 3, Complied with.

Item 4, Complied with in part, and the Committee still continued.

A letter to Synod by Rev. L. A. Fox, in which he offers his excuse for non-attendance, was read in open Synod.—Rev. L. A. Fox excused.

A letter from Rev. A. L. Yount was read before Synod, and he was excused.

It was moved, that a report of the absentees be considered.

Rev. H. Goodman, excused.
" T. Miller, excused.
" T. Moser, excused.
" I. Conder, not excused.
" J. N. Stirewalt, excused.
" M. L. Fox, not excused.
" J. P. Stirewalt, not excused.

Adjourned now till after sermon.

During recess, Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., preached a sermon from Gal. 6: 14.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock.

Roll was called and business resumed.

The name of J. W. Nauman, Alma, Page Co., Va., was presented by Rev. S. Henkel, as applicant for the ministry in this Synod; he was by motion received under care of Synod, as a student having a view to the ministry.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Committee on the Treasurer's Report have carefully examined that document, and find that the funds of this Synod have been properly managed during the past year. After paying all the necessary expenses; we find that there is remaining in the Treasury $66.18.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
CARROLL BOOKMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OTHER SYNODS.

Your Committee on Minutes have been placed in the possession of two only such documents.

No. I. Are the Minutes of the Evan. Luth. Synod of N. C. We have carefully examined them and find nothing which demands any action of this Synod. These brethren manifest much zeal and energy in the work of our Divine Master, and in some respects are doing much to promote its interest.

Its officers are, Rev. L. A. Bickle, D. D., President, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rec. Sec., Rev. Prof. W. E. Hubbert, Cor. Sec., Rev. S. Rothrock, Treasurer.

No. II, Are the Minutes of the 9th and 10th Convention of the Evan. Luth. General Synod of North America. These Minutes are accompanied by a letter to the late President of this Synod, and through him addressed to this Synod. By the Secretary of that body directing special attention to certain items contained in these minutes.

We have carefully examined these Minutes and find only one item requiring any action by this Synod. On page 28th, we find a resolution, inviting this Synod, to reconsider its actions declining to unite with that body, and very earnestly urge us to unite with them, upon their basis of an unreserved acceptance of the Augsburg Confession.

The officers of this Synod are, Rev. J. P. Margart, President, Rev. H. S. Wingard, Sec., Mr. J. F. Schirmer, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
J. H. FULMER,
J. W. EARGLE.

Received.

Item 2, of this Report, was disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That under existing circumstances, we regard it inexpedient to take any steps either, toward uniting with or in any way committing ourselves to any one of the General Lutheran Bodies in this country.

By motion Synod now proceded to elect a Treasurer for the Beneficiary Fund.

Rev. T. Moser was re-elected as Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

Moved, a Committee of two ministers and one lay-man, be appointed ,to revise our Beneficiary Educational system and report at next meeting of Synod. Committee, A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. Costner.

Moved, that a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare Theses on some doctrine, for discussion at the next meeting of Synod, and that they be published in *Our Church Paper* a few months previous. The Committee are Rev. J. R. Peterson and Rev. S. Henkel.

Resolved, That the members of this Synod return their most sincere thanks to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst, and that it be made the duty of the President to read this resolution before the congregation, on Sunday, immediately before the first service and make such additional remarks as he may deem proper.

A call was now extended to the ministers present, to state whether our three several standing resolutions have been complied with. Each Minister, being called upon, made statements, as to his practice.

Moved to adjourn until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed with benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Dr. Smeltzer.

Minutes read, amended, and adopted.

An executive Committee on Home Missions was appointed. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. M. Smith, and Mr. A. Costner.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee on the probation of candidates for the ministry, have examined the matter with as much care as we have had time to do, and regard it a matter that requires more time than we can command. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Committee of two ministers be appointed to mature a plan by which the requirements of Synod upon this subject can be successfully carried into effect, and report to the next annual Convention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. FOX,
S. HENKEL,
J. R. PETERSON.

Received and adopted.

Committee, Revs A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, S. Henkel.

The following Preamble and Resolution in reference to the above report were adopted.

WHEREAS, Petitions for the licenture of two candidates to the ministry have been addressed to this Synod, and

WHEREAS, By action of this meeting the licensure system has been abolished. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That Messrs. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand place themselves under the direction of some pastor or pastors connected with the Synod until the next meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAPERS RELATING TO REV. D. EFIRD AND OTHERS.

Your Committee to whom the written document addressed to this Synod signed by certain individual members of St. John, St. Peter, Piney Woods, and St. Jacob Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., stating that unpleasant things exist in their midst, that are having a damaging effect upon the Church, and which if permitted to continue, they assert, will result in their annihilation; in proof of which they refer to two printed articles, one written by Rev. D. Efird and the other by certain parties who subscribe themselves Trustees and patrons of Pine Ridge Academy, have carefully examined these papers, and find those who have subscribed the memorial addressed to us, have neither preferred any charges against Rev. D. Efird themselves, nor named any persons who do. Nor do they express any opinion in regard to the matter. But simply ask synod to investigate the matter. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Committee of two, one minister and one layman be appointed, whose duty it shall be to call a meeting at St. Peter, Piney Woods Church, or in its vicinity, at such time as may be most convenient, for the purpose of hearing any charges that may be preferred, with such evidence as they may offer also hear the defence of Rev. Efird and the proof he may offer, and make a record of them, and report them to the next annual Convention of this Synod.

The parties, however, who ask for this investigation are required to defray the traveling expenses of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
A. J. FOX,
F. R. BECK,
S. S. MAUNEY,
S. HENKEL.

Received and adopted.

Committee, Rev. A. J. Fox and Mr. Ambrose Costner or Mr. M. L. Cline.

IN MEMORY OF

REV. T. CROUSE.

WHEREAS, God, in his wise Providence, has called from his labors on earth, Rev. T. CROUSE, a faithful Minister of our Synod, to his rest and reward on high; therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God herein, and humbly bow to his righteous ways, that we cherish his memory, and pray God for grace, that we may meekly submit to his dispensation.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in "OUR CHURCH PAPER," and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

J. M. SMITH,
J. R. PETERSON,
Dr. J. W. EARGLE.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, and each General Body of Lutherans in this country, and the Synods in correspondence with this body two copies each.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To. N. C. Synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson, *Principal*, Rev. M. L. Little, *Alternate.*

To S. C. Synod Rev. D. Efird, *Principal*, and Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Alternate.*

To Holston Synod, J. R. Peterson, *Principal*, and Rev. J. M. Smith, *Alternate.*

To the Penn. Synod, Rev. S Henkel.

Synod now adjourned until after service.

During recess, Rev. S. Henkel preached an ordination sermon from Mark 16: 15. Immediately after this sermon Brethren M. L. Little and J. C. Moser were ordained to the Holy Office of the Ministry. After this solemn service, Synod was called to order.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M

The roll was called. Business was resumed.

Moved, that Mr. R. A. Yoder as beneficiary received $150.00 ; $50.00 to J. W. Nauman, and J. W. Hausenfluck, $15.00, provided the funds will admit, if not then apportionately.

Resolved, That we place in a proper light, before our congregations the want of the Beneficiary cause and urge our people to contribute more liberally than heretofore.

Preamable and resolution adopted.

WHEREAS. Prof. Ben. Hyde Benton, President of Polytechnic Institute. at New Market, Va., has kindly tendered to this Synod, three free scholarships, in that Institute, one for the congregation of this Synod in S. C., and two for our Churches in N. C., upon condition that the candidates are over 14 years of age, and come with a recommendation from one of the ministers of this Synod.

Resolved. That we highly appreciate this kind offer and most cheerfully accept it, and tender our most sincere thanks to the kind donor.

Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod,

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn to meet at the time and place designated in these minutes. Closed by Rev. S. Henkel.

J. M. SMITH, *Secretary.*

Religious Services on Sunday.

A large congregation assembled and listened to a sermon in the morning by Rev. A. J. Fox, from 2 Cor. 3: 6.

A recess was given, after which the congregation re assembled and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. J. M. Smith, from 2 Tim. 4: 2.

Confession and Absolution were then attended to, and the Holy Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of Lutherans.

Good order and attention characterized the assembly, and the Word preached will not return void.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. S. HENKEL,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

1875.		Dr.
Sept. 9,	To am't received for Minutes,	$47.70
" " " "	from Treas. of 1873,	35.00
" " " "	" Treas. of 1872,	3.15
" " " "	" Rev. J. S. Bennick,	10.30
" 21, " "	" " J. N. Stirewalt,	30
" 29, " "	" A. Conrad, Esq.,	90
Oct. 29, " "	" Rev. J. N. Stirewalt,	2.36
Nov. 19, " "	" Maj. A. Koiner, Treas., 1874,	10.83
1876.		
Jan. 6,	To am't from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	1.40
		$111.94
1875. Nov.	To amount of Henkel & Co., for adver. in Minutes,	5.00
		$116.94

1876.	Cr.		
Nov.	By am't paid Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes,	$45.00	
Dec. 15,	By am't paid for postage on Min.,	5.76	
		$50.76	
Sept. 30,	By balance on hand, subject to order,		$66.18
			$116.94

S. HENKEL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREAS. OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

T. MOSER,

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

		Dr.
1875.		
Sept. 2,	To am't on hand,	$33.55
Dec. 11,	" " from J. C. Moser's Charge,	12.75
1876.		
Jan. 8,	To am't from M. L. Little's charge,	20.15
" "	" " " M. L. Fox's charge,	5.00
Feb. 10	" " " J. R. Peterson's charge,	21.00
" "	" " " T. Moser's charge,	5.00
		$97.45

		Cr.	
1876.			
Jan. 13,	By am't paid A. L. Yount,	$14.00	
" 21,	" " " R. A. Yoder,	30.00	
Feb. 18,	" " " A. L. Yount,	50.00	
		$94.00	
	Leaves a balance in my hands of		$3.45

Respectfully submitted, T. MOSER, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S AGENT'S REPORT.

S. Henkel with Rev. T. Moser,
Treasurer of Tenn. Synod Beneficiary Association.

		Dr.
1875.		
Sept. 9,	To cash of Rev. A. L. Crouse,	$ 5.95
" " "	" John Lohr, Mt. Zion Ch., Va.,	3.10
" " "	" Rev. J. S. Bennick,	30.00
1876.		
Jan. 6,	To cash of St. Paul Church,	2.63
Apr. 14,	" " Emanuel Church,	8.01
" " "	" Mrs. Mary M. Henkel,	3.15
		$52.84

		Cr.
1876.		
May.	By am't paid John W. Hausenfluck, as per order,	$50.00
Sept. 30,	By Balance on hand,	2.84
		$52.84

S. HENKEL,
Agent of Beneficiary Treasurer.

The reports on Beneficiary Fund were not examined by Synod, but were placed in the hands of the President after the convention of Synod, who thought it proper to put them in Minutes. S. HENKEL.

CONTRIBUTION FOR SYNODICAL TREASURY FOR 1876.

Rev. A. L. Crouses' Charge:	
Zion's,	$1.60
St. Peter—Meetzes',	1.00
Cedar Grove,	90
Emanuel,	50
St. Paul,	50
Rev D. Efird's Charge:	
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PASTORAL LETTER.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." If Paul was inspired, this language has the greatest possible force for binding the conscience. It is the conclusion, legitimately drawn, from a clear and irrefutable argument, free from every suspicion of fallacy because conducted by inspiration, and thus binds conscience through our reason. It, also, announces as a fact that God has made it a perpetual law, and thus binds the conscience by positive divine authority. It is, therefore, no longer a question of expediency or fitness, or a matter of choice but a duty as certain and imperative as any given in the Scriptures, and for which we will as surely be required to account. A man is no more excusable for neglecting to bear his part in supporting his pastor than he is for defrauding, for the same Lord who said, "Defraud not," said also "that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

Whatever may be thought of the relation of the ministry to the "universal priesthood," it will not be denied that the office of the ministry is of divine appointment; for the performance of a work which could not be accomplished without it. "He gave some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." This office, so important to the existence and perpetuity of the Church, can be filled only by men "of like passions with ourselves," who have necessities, sympathies, and affections in common with other men. They have no cruse of oil miraculously replenished, nor ravens to carry them food, and they are left to natural resources by which to support existence. God has made it the duty of the people to whom they minister to supply their physical wants.

If the minister is an embassador of God he is an agent of the Church in performing that work which God carries on through His Church. The Church must teach every creature, but as the great body cannot go to foreign lands they send others, and through them discharge their duty to the heathen. So every congregation must preach the gospel to every person within its territory; it must administer the Sacraments, maintain a confession of the truth, and continually edify itself, not only by increasing its numbers but also by perfecting the saints through an advancing knowledge of the Word. But as the majority of every congregation must be engaged in secular pursuits it meets its responsibility only by selecting one to perform that common work.—Ministers are servants of the Church. "Ourselves your servants." They have no further interest in their work than every Christian ought to have. Congregations have the right, and do call pastors, and deputize them to perform this general work. It is a matter of common justice that the congregations should compensate them according to the service rendered. "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," said the law of Moses. "Doth God take care for oxen?" asked Paul. The argument is, that if God ordained a law that the oxen should be maintained while laboring for us, much more must every man receive adequate wages. Twice does Paul quote the Mosaic precept while discussing the duty of supporting the ministry, and once in connection with the language of the Savior, "The laborer is worthy of his reward." The salary of a pastor is not a charity, but well-earned wages. Who does not expect to pay a lawyer for his counsel, a physician for his attention, the laborer for his service? It is common equity. They have no more right to expect a minister to spend his time and strength without compensation. This is the principle upon which both Christ and Paul place this duty. In every service the wages are regulated very much by the talent and preparation requisite to rendering them. There are neither the talents nor prerequisite training necessary to the laborer in the field that there are for the physician,—and they receive different rewards. There is no calling that demands a longer course of training and greater natural gifts than the ministry, and according to the Scriptural rule their salaries ought to range with the very highest; com-

mon equity would demand it. But as a matter of fact ordinary mechanics who have served an apprenticeship of eighteen months receive better wages. If the little stipulated salary be not regularly paid, as is very often true, what wrong! "Behold the hire of laborers, who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth, and the cries of them which reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth." Much more the cries of a defrauded ministry.

Ministers are often treated as if they were drones—as a class to be supported for maintaining a decent appearance in society, which, if it were only fashionable, might easily be dispensed with. But on the contrary, the minister is the most useful member of the community. From the standpoint of mere financial interest, we cannot fail to see that he is of incalculable importance. Public preaching does far more to restrain passion and lust than the arm of the law. It keeps alive a moral sentiment in the public mind. It is a terror to evil doers. Shut up the churches of a community and very soon an oath looses its sanctity and the administration of justice is at end, property is not safe, trusts are betrayed, and life itself is constantly endangered. He is of equal importance to social culture. Education unregulated by moral sentiments only increases the power of evil. Who would desire to bring up a family of children in a community where there were no churches? A philosopher said that "Christianity is the foundation of modern civilization." If we remove the foundation, our civilization falls. France banished Christianity, and had the Reign of Terrors. But without the ministry Christianity could not exist. That man who does most to preserve and extend the civilization of any community is the minister. Any other man could, therefore, be better spared than a faithful, earnest pastor. If these things are true even the infidel, desiring to do justly, must contribute to the support of the ministry. But his labors considered in their bearing upon our immortal interest are immeasurably more important. Preaching often seems to do but little good. Congregations disperse apparently precisely like they were when they assembled. We do not know the benefit until after the churches have been closed a few years. A single drop does not perceptibly add to a bucket containing a quantity of water, but drop after drop

at length fills it, and when the dripping has ceased evaporation begins, and at last all is gone. Who warns and admonishes the sinner? Who dedicates the child through Holy Baptism? Who administers the Holy Supper? Who expounds the truth? Who ministers to the dying? He seeks us when we stray, strengthens us when we are weak, comforts us when we are in trouble, and sympathizes with us when we are distressed. Without his influence the Word had never found us when we were utterly indifferent, and without him we would again become cold, unbelieving, and finally be lost. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." Notwithstanding our religious literature and the multiplication of the Bible and Christian activity, since the ministry is the fountain of all, it may still be asked with all its original force, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" A life that ends in everlasting misery is worse than wasted. If we are damned "it had been better for us never to have been born." In return for the spiritual blessings and hopes that the ministry bring us, what is due them? "If we have sown unto you spiritual things is it a great thing if we shall reap of your carnal things." With much more than double emphasis we repeat that an earnest, faithful minister of the Word is the most indispensable man in any community. Common equity would say if every other man must go unrewarded the minister must not.

The work of the minister is one of great responsibility. It is the cure of souls. He must rightly divide the Word of truth. If any perish through his neglect God requires the blood of that one at his hands. His *whole time* is necessary for a proper discharge of the functions of his office. Is not this the rule given to Timothy? "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy. Meditate on these things; *give thyself wholly to them.*" It is not because he is too holy, but because he has not time to engage in secular pursuits that makes it wrong for a minister to seek a support from them. "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables." Whenever a minister combines a secular calling with his pastoral duties there is wrong somewhere. If it is for filthy lucre's sake, it

is with him; but if to obtain a support, the wrong is with the people whom he serves.

The ministry has a right to ask a comfortable living. God gave the Levites no inheritance when He divided the Land of Promise, because they were to be supported by the offerings from the other tribes. "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" Some have reproached those ministers who have asked a very modest living as being money preachers, not knowing that they impeach the apostle who, by the language just quoted, gave them the right to claim it. Ministers have never demanded what common equity would allow,—they have always been satisfied with an income that would meet necessary wants.

The people generally do not consider the many extra expenses of the ministry. For every thing he gets he must pay cash, except the few donations from his parishioners. He must buy provender for his horse and cow, and, if his home is in a town, often vegetables as well as flour, meat and groceries. He needs books and should purchase only standard ones, which are costly. He is expected to dress himself and family well, the people themselves complain when he does not make a respectable appearance in society. He must often entertain visitors. He must set an example of charity, and in many communities if a man has lost his house or barn by fire he comes to the minister to head the list of subscription for a new one. Then his children, are to be educated, for it is all he can expect to give them. These and many things would consume a much larger income than the great majority of ministers receive were it not for an economy rarely know beyond the threshhold of a parsonage. He knows he ought to provide for old age, or for his family if he should die. But he sees no way, and he dismisses as quickly as possible a thought that if indulged would crush him. A salary upon which a minister can just keep out of debt is not a comfortable living. It ought to be large enough to make him easy in maintaining that style of life which is expected of him, to educate his children, and to lay aside something every year for a Winter's day. If it become a rule that he is to be discarded when he is fifty years old, it is the duty of those who receive the benefit of

his labors to provide for his comfort when those labors are no longer wanted.

In this matter our Synod is behind in duty. Our parochial reports reveal the fact that but one congregation makes an effort to support its pastor. This is not because there are no others able to do it. The great majority of our pastors are compelled to engage in other callings, notwithstanding the large number of communicants some of them report. Many of our pastorates could be divided into two or three, and each could give a comfortable salary. They would reap the benefit in many ways. They would have more frequent and better preaching. Their pastor could visit them, and a stronger feeling of interest would spring up between himself and his people. He could learn better their wants and address himself more directly and intelligently to meeting them. He could visit the sick. He could call on families that are out of all church relations and carry the gospel to firesides that can not be otherwise reached. Our ministers would all be more efficient and our congregations more prosperous.

The work is easy when earnestly begun. Men who give ten dollars could give seventy-five and not be a cent poorer at the end of the year. Many will say "Oh! that is too much, too much, I can't give that." But there are thousands in our country who are no wealthier than they are who give annually double that much. Many who give five dollars could give fifty. It can be done, for it has been done easily when once men were in earnest. They are not "broken up" yet and if God's promise does not fail they will never be by that sort of liberality, for He has said "the liberal soul shall be made fat." The time has come for our congregations to take a step forward, and now let each member boldly make an advance, and the work will be done grandly.

It must be done to preserve our existence. After men have spent from six to eight years and all their patrimony in preparing for the ministry they must be supported or they will locate elsewhere, or they will be deterred from entering the ministry at all. The time was when a lower standard of education sufficed, and our ministers having more time and money could live on less. If we close our eyes to the change, that does not alter the fact. Can the

Tennessee Synod after having stood and boldly confessed the truth for more than a half century, with such a history, and with so many souls under her care and within reach of her influence consent to betray her trust and ingloriously perish? Her record is too bright, her zeal too deep, her love for the truth too intense to allow her to consent to such an end. We may, then confidently appeal to our people to double and triple and quadruple their contributions to the support of the ministry until our self-sustaining charges be many times multiplied, and every minister be stripped of every excuse for leaving the word to serve tables.

L. A. Fox,
S. Henkel. } *Committee.*

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next suceeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-sixth regular meeting in St. John Church, Lexington Co., S. C., beginning on Thursday, the 5th day of October, 1876. A sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Moser; Heb. 12: 1, 2.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of ministers was called, and lay-delegates presented their certificates.

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	Rev. H. GOODMAN,*	Statesville, N. C.
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3.	" T. MILLER,*	Saumsville, Va.
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16.	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
17.	" J. P. STIREWALT,†	New Market, Va.

* Excused. † Not excused.

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Names.	Churches Represented.
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J. H. Fulmer,.....	St. Peter, Piney Ridge, S. C.
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C. Bookman,.....	Bethlehem, "
G. H. Drafts,.....	Zion, "
D. M. Sox,.....	Emanuel, "
S. P. Drafts,.....	St. James, "
D. T. Hare,.....	Cedar Grove, "
Geo. Long,.....	St. Peter, "
E. J. Price,.....	St. Paul, "
F. K. Beck,.....	Grace and Salem, N. C.
S. S. Mauny,.....	St. Mark, Luth. Chapel, Christ, N. C.
M. L. Little,.....	Trinity, Bethpage, Philadelphia, and Sardis, N. C.

The President read his Report which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren:—By the gracious providence of our Heavenly Father, we have been brought through the dangers, the trials, the labors, the successes and the disappointments of another year, and have again assembled in Synodical Convention. We meet to exchange views, to recount the joys and sorrows which have fallen to each, and to devise new, and execute old plans for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

A review of the condition of our Synod shows little of very encouraging nature. Death has been doing its work; and, while mortality among the members of our churches has not been greater than in former years, the place of our dear brother amongst us has been left vacant. Brother Thomas Crouse has been called from his labors in the Church militant to his reward in the Church triumphant.

Most of our pastoral charges are too large and should be divided; but in consequence of the scarcity of ministers this cannot yet be done; and it becomes duty to address ourselves anew to the work and put forth increased efforts to increase the number of ministers.

Official Acts.—During the year now ending, I have been called to perform but few official acts. By order of Synod, I renewed the license of Candidates, J. C. Moser and M. L. Little, and issued license for one year to candidate A. L. Yount.

Vacancies.—By the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse the Davidson charge in North Carolina has become vacant and still remains so. Rev. T. Moser has resigned Emanuel Church, in Union County, N. C., and candidate A. L. Yount has resigned the charge of the Church in Monroe, N. C. These two Churches are still vacant and provision for their supply should be made with as little delay as possible. I have also been informed that in consequence of feeble health Rev. A. L. Crouse has resigned the Summit charge in S. Carolina. It is hoped, however, that this brother's health will so far improve as to enable him soon to resume his labors.

New Organizations.—Since last Synod, I organized a small congregation at King's Mountain Station, on the Piedmont and Air-Line Rail-

way in Cleveland Co., N. C. No other new organizations have been reported to me.

Education—To meet the increasing demand for ministers to cultivate the fields already opened and but imperfectly occupied and also open up and occupy new ones, a school has been started in the village of Conover, Catawba Co., N. C. The leading object contemplated in the establishment of this school is to afford the means of education at the least possible cost. To this end it is believed that the location is a favorable one.—It is in the midst of a dense Lutheran population who are generally well to do farmers, and the means of living are abundant and cheap. With these advantages it is hoped that the enterprise will prove a success. I deem it proper to ask the interest of Synod in its behalf.

Missions.—I again call the attention of the Synod to the work of missions, and urge upon it the importance of making provision for carrying on this work especially in States lying west of the Mississippi river.—During the last fifty years hundreds of Lutheran families have emigrated westward and settled in the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas carrying their Lutheranism with them. Year after year petitions for ministers were addressed to Synod by these emigrants, and had timely efforts been made in their behalf these emigrants and their descendants might have been saved to the Church, and large and flourishing Lutheran congregations would now be found where the Lutheran name is scarcely known. Much time has been lost, but it is not yet too late. Something may yet be done. Within the last few years, a few ministers have been laboring among these people, and have succeeded in gathering some of them up and forming them into congregations. But what are they among so many? The territory over which their labors extend is large and help both in men and money is wanted. After repeated failures to obtain ministers these emigrant brethren ceased to make application to us and the consequence has been that many of them have been lost to the Church. The hopes of others have been somewhat revived and they have again made indirect application to us for help. Shall these calls be again unheeded, and this revived hope be permitted to again perish?

Recommendation.—I recommend that a Committee be appointed to prepare and report suitable resolutions upon the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse.

By Article IV, Section 4, of our Synodical Constitution it is provided that "Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year during which all candidates for the ministry shall be taken on trial." For some years this constitutional requirement has been carried out by a system of license. By this system candidates to the ministry have been authorized to perform all ministerial acts under license and without ordination. In my opinion this system is open to serious objections, and ought to be abandoned. If a candidate is known not to possess the necessary qualifications both mentally or morally or either, he should not in any way be invested with the office. On the other hand, if a candidate is believed to possess all the qualifications necessary to the successful discharge of ministerial duties, he should be put into the office not for one year only but for life, or during good behaviour in office. To carry out the provision of the Constitution in this regard, in a less objectionable mode, I recommend that Students in the Seminary be under the direction of the Professors, and that such as are under private instruction be directed by the pastors under whose care they have been placed.

And now, dear brethren "The God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

J. R. Peterson.

Election for Officers for the ensuing year was held with the following results:

Rev. S. HENKEL,..... ....*President*,
" J. M. SMITH,.....*Record. Secretary*,
" J. R. PETERSON,.....*Cor. Secretary*,
" A. J. FOX,.....*Treasurer*.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson, D. Efird.

3. *On Examination.*—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith.

4. *On State of the Church.*—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, J. C. Moser, F. K. Beck.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev'ds J. R. Peterson, M. L. Little.

6. *On Treasurer's Report.*—Rev'ds A. J. Fox, Dr. Eargle, J. H. Fullmer.

Letters, Papers, and Petitions, intended for Synod were now called for, handed in, and handed over to the respective Committees.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Synod met, and was opened with religious service. Roll was called. Minutes read and approved.

Rev. J. C. Moser was received as an advisory member of this Synod, and also H. A. Meetz, Esq.

Report on Letters and Petitions was read and received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Class I. Petitions for Ordination and Licensure.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from Emanuel's and Zion's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., praying for the license and services of candidates, Messrs. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are petitions from Sardis Church, Catawba Co.; Trinity, and Bethpage, Lincoln Co.; St. Mark and Philadelphia, Gaston Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of Licentiate, M. L. Little.

Nos. 8 and 9 are petitions from Mt. Moriah and Phanuel Churches, Rowan Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of Licentiate, J. C. Moser.

No. 10 is a petiton from the Church in Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C., praying for the ordination and services of candidate, A. L. Yount.

Nos. 11, 12, 13, are petitions from Phanuel Church, Rockingham Co., St. Paul and Powder Spring Churches, Shenandoah Co., Va., praying for the ordination and services of candidate, J. W. Hausenfluck.

Class II. Petitions for the admission of new congregations.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Matthew, Kings Mountain, N. C., praying for admission into this Synod.

No. 2 is a petition of same import from the Church at Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Thomas, Lexington Co., S. C., of similar import. In the same, they appoint Col. Chapman as their delegate.

No. 4 is a petition of same import from St. Mark, Luray, Page Co., Virginia.

Class III. Petitions for the next Convention of Synod.

No. 1 is a petition from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., asking that the next Synod may be held in that church.

Class IV. On Letters.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., delegate of the N. C. Synod in which he assigns the cause, and regrets the necessity, of his absence. Further, he expresses his own desire, and that of many others, of a closer union between that body and our Synod.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Bennick, in which he assigns too much work and want of money as a reason for his absence.

No. 3 is a letter from candidate R. A. Yoder, in which he states that he has returned to N. C. College, to finish his literary course which will end with the present scholastic year, and, for this purpose, he asks this body for an appropriation of $147 dollars.

No. 4 is a memorial from certain members of St. Peter and St. John, Lexington Co., S. C., stating "that a great misunderstanding and trouble exist between Rev. D. Efird and many persons who are, and others who have been members and officers in his Churches," which the memorialists say, "must eventually result in such a disruption in the Churches in this section that will in time work their annihilation." They further ask an investigation of these difficulties.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In reference to Nos. 1 and 2, Class 1st, your Committee recommend the Licensure of Bros. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand.

2. In reference to Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 we recommend the examination and ordination of Bro. M. L. Little.

3. In reference to Nos. 8 and 9 we recommend the examination and ordination of Bro. J. C. Moser.

4. In reference to No. 10, we offer the same recommendation.

5. In reference to Nos. 11, 12, 13, we recommend that a Committee be appointed to examine and ordain candidate, J. W. Hausenfluck, if found qualified.

6. In reference to Class 2nd, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, your Committee recommend the admission of those congregations into Synod.

7. In reference to Class four, No. 1, be it

Resolved, That we express our regret that Rev. J. B. Davis, D. D., did not find it convenient to be with us.

8. In reference to No. 2, we recommend that Bro. J. S. Bennick be excused.

9. In reference to No. 4, your Committee recommend that this application for beneficiary aid be postponed till the proper time.

10. In reference to No. 4, we recommend that the matter in question be placed in the hands of a committee to report to this present meeting of Synod, the course proper to be pursued.

J. R. Peterson,
M. L. Little,
S. S. Mauny.

Report was now taken up, and acted upon item by item.

Class I.—Item 1st and recommendation postponed for the present.

Item 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, with recommendation of Committee, adopted.

Item 8 and 9, sustained.

Item 10 is similar, and sustained; it was moved that a Committee be appointed to examine Mr. A. L. Yount, and ordain him, if necessary. Committee, J. M. Smith, J R. Peterson, A. J. Fox.

On motion, Synod now took recess until after sermon. During intermission, Rev. J. R. Peterson preached a Synodical sermon from Romans 16: 1, 2.

THIRD SESSION.

Friday, 2 o'clock P. M.

Synod resumed business.

Item 11, 12, 13, with recommendation be sustained, and that a Committee be appointed, and that this be done at a regular or call session of the Va. Conference of the Tennessee Synod. Committee, L. A. Fox, I. Conder.

Class II.—No. 1. Received.

No. 2. Received.

No. 3. As soon as the officers be installed, it be received.

No. 4. Received.

Class III.—Petitions for Synod.

No. 1. Next meeting be held in Coble's Church, N. C.

Class IV.—No. 1. Resolution adopted.

No. 2. Brother J. S. Bennick excused.

No. 3. Recommendation of Committee be sustained.

No. 4. Adopted.

The Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, F. K. Beck, S. S. Mauny; by motion the President was added to this Committee.

Report was now adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee to submit a Constitution and Regulations for Home Missionary operations.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD IN MISSIONARY WORK.

Art. I. There shall be elected, annually, by Synod an executive Committee of three, or five, or more members, as the nature and extent of the work may require, who shall hold office until their successors shall be appointed. Of this Committee the Committee on vacancies shall be a member.

Art. II. This Executive Committee shall have charge of the Missionary work between the conventions of Synod. They shall elect one of their number Treasurer, who shall hold, and disburse the missionary monies according to the directions of the Committee. The Executive Committee may establish or discontinue missions, may employ or dismiss missionaries, and shall have the superintendence and control of all missionary operations during their time of office.

Art. III. This Committee shall hold at least two meetings during the year. It shall keep a clear and correct account of all its transactions and especially of all monies received and disbursed, and report annually to Synod and be prepared with vouchers to sustain the same, which report shall be recorded by the Secretary of Synod.

Art. IV. All monies collected from congregations or otherwise, and donations for the purpose of missions shall be paid over to the Chairman of the Executive Committee for which he shall give his receipt.

Art. V. Diligent and rigid inquiry shall be made as to the condition of every community and the prospects of establishing a self-sustaining congregation or pastorate whenever application shall be made for aid, and where these are not favorable no money shall be expended as a mere venture.

Art. VI. Every pastor in connection with this Synod shall be required to take up collections in each of his congregations annually in the most judicious manner for missions.

Art. VII. These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any meeting of Synod after giving one day's notice of the proposed amendment and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

Your Committee in submitting the above plan would call the attention of the Synod to the importance of concentrated effort. It is a lesson learned after a dear experience by other bodies and they are now centering their labors upon a few places until they make them self-supporting. It is found to be far better to make large appropriations to one point and assist in building a Church than to scatter a small fund among many.

L. A. Fox,
A. Koiner,
A. L. Crouse,
H. A. Meetz,
J. R. Peterson.

Adopted item by item.
Art. I, Adopted.
Art. II, Adopted.
Art. III, Adopted.
Art. IV, Adopted.
Art. V, Adopted.
Art. VI, Adopted.
Art. VII, Adopted.
Adopted as a whole.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Dismissed with the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. M. L. Little. Minutes read and adopted.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., of the S. C. Synod being present to-day, and presenting his credentials of election as corresponding delegate to this Synod, was received, and took his seat as such among us.

It was moved that the time for the next Convention of our Synod be on Thursday, before the 2nd Sunday of November, 1877.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee are unable to report as accurately as is desirable.—In reference to the congregations in Virginia, we have learned, through various sources, that commendable progress is being made. Our ministers are at work, zealously, the people are becoming more and more interested, and our borders are being extended. In this section, we think great unity and harmony prevail.

We are happy to be able to say that in North Carolina there seems to be improvement in some of the congregations, where there had existed some discord. More friendly relations now exist and their prosperity is greater. It appears also that our people are very careful to take heed to our doctrines. Some congregations have not enjoyed regular services; hence we have no doubt, suffered loss. There have been accessions, but we are unable to say whether more or less than last year. This remark will also apply to the congregations in Virginia.

From the congregations in South Carolina, the reports are not so full as is desirable. In the cause of Beneficiary Education, these bretheren are doing very well. However, the peace of some of the congregations seems to be disturbed, but with these exceptions they seem to do well.—Considerable accessions by confirmation have been made.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. M. SMITH.

Received and adopted.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The undersigned Committee on the President's Report, respectfully submit the following:

We have examined the Report, and find the following items of interest to this Synod:

I. The President recommends the appointment of a suitable Committee to prepare a report, and submit it to the present convention of this Synod, on the death of our much lamented brother, Rev. Thomas Crouse.

II. He recommends that the licensure system, as it now exists in this Synod, be dispensed with; and that a different mode of complying with the requirements of our organic law, requiring a probationary period of

one year, for the candidates of the ministry previous to their ordination, be adopted.

III. He directs the attention of Synod to an educational enterprise lately commenced at Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., and asks the interest of this Synod in that undertaking.

IV. He directs the attention of this Synod to the subject of Missions, and especially to our destitute members west of the Mississippi River, and inquires whether the Synod will take any action in the matter, or let it rest as heretofore.

In regard to the above items, your Committee will make no recommendations, because we prefer that proper resolutions be prepared and offered upon each of them.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
J. M. Smith.

Resolved, That a Committee of two ministers and one lay-man be appointed to prepare and submit to this Synod a suitable preamble and resolutions on the death of Rev. Thomas Crouse.

Resolved, That we hereby recind the action of this Synod in 1864, creating a licensure system among us, and that a Committee of two ministers, and one lay-man be appointed to prepare and submit to the present Convention of this Synod a plan by, which the requirements of our Constitution in regard to the candidates for the ministry in their period of probation, can be complied with.

Resolved, That the suggestions of the President in his Annual Report in regard to Missionary enterprises has been complied with in the adoption of a constitution, by which missionary enterprises must in future be regulated among us.

Resolved, That we are pleased to learn that our brethren in and around Conover, N. C., have commenced a School of a high order, and hope they may be successful, and most cheerfully invite the attention of all our people who desire to educate their sons in a good Lutheran School, to that Institution.

Received and taken up and acted upon item by item.

Item 1, and its resolution were adopted. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. M. Smith, and Dr. Eargle.

Item 2, and its resolution adopted. Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and Mr. Epting. On motion, the President was added to the Committee.

Item 3, and resolution adopted.

Item 4, and resolution adopted.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Examination have discharged the duty assigned us, and beg to report that the examination was well sustained, and we hereby recommend Licentiates, J. C. Moser, and M. L. Little, for ordination to the office of the holy ministry.

J. M. Smith,
J. R. Peterson.

Report and recommendation of Committee adopted.

Moved that the ordination of these young brethren take place on Monday next.

Moved that the President, Rev. S. Henkel, preach the ordination sermon on Monday next.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business of last session of Synod, beg leave to submit the following;

1. On page 10, we notice the appointment of a committee to prepare a pastoral letter to be appended to the minutes of this session of Synod. Has that been done?

2. On page 11 and 12, we notice the appointment of a Committee to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and report the result of their efforts to this Convention of Synod. Has that been done?

3. On same page, we call attention to the appointment of a Committee to prepare a suitable constitution and regulations for Home Missionary operation, and present the same to this meeting of Synod. Has that been done?

4. On same page, we call attention to the appointment of Rev. S. Henkel, as a Committee of one to collect all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod, and have them bound. Has that been done?

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Peterson,
D. Efird.

Received and to be acted upon item by item.

Item 1, Complied with and that the Pastoral Letter be appended to our minutes.

Item 2, Not complied with, and Committee continued.

Item 3, Complied with.

Item 4, Complied with in part, and the Committee still continued.

A letter to Synod by Rev. L. A. Fox, in which he offers his excuse for non-attendance, was read in open Synod.—Rev. L. A. Fox excused.

A letter from Rev. A. L. Yount was read before Synod, and he was excused.

It was moved, that a report of the absentees be considered.

Rev. H. Goodman, excused.
" T. Miller, excused.
" T. Moser, excused.
" I. Conder, not excused.
" J. N. Stirewalt, excused.
" M. L. Fox, not excused.
" J. P. Stirewalt, not excused.

Adjourned now till after sermon.

During recess, Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, D. D., preached a sermon from Gal. 6: 14.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock.

Roll was called and business resumed.

The name of J. W. Nauman, Alma, Page Co., Va., was presented by Rev. S. Henkel, as applicant for the ministry in this Synod; he was by motion received under care of Synod, as a student having a view to the ministry.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Committee on the Treasurer's Report have carefully examined that document, and find that the funds of this Synod have been properly managed during the past year. After paying all the necessary expenses; we find that there is remaining in the Treasury $66.18.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
CARROLL BOOKMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OTHER SYNODS.

Your Committee on Minutes have been placed in the possession of two only such documents.

No. I. Are the Minutes of the Evan. Luth. Synod of N. C. We have carefully examined them and find nothing which demands any action of this Synod. These brethren manifest much zeal and energy in the work of our Divine Master, and in some respects are doing much to promote its interest.

Its officers are, Rev. L. A. Bickle, D. D., President, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rec. Sec., Rev. Prof. W. E. Hubbert, Cor. Sec., Rev. S. Rothrock, Treasurer.

No. II, Are the Minutes of the 9th and 10th Convention of the Evan. Luth. General Synod of North America. These Minutes are accompanied by a letter to the late President of this Synod, and through him addressed to this Synod. By the Secretary of that body directing special attention to certain items contained in these minutes.

We have carefully examined these Minutes and find only one item requiring any action by this Synod. On page 28th, we find a resolution, inviting this Synod, to reconsider its actions declining to unite with that body, and very earnestly urge us to unite with them, upon their basis of an unreserved acceptance of the Augsburg Confession.

The officers of this Synod are, Rev. J. P. Margart, President, Rev. H. S. Wingard, Sec., Mr. J. F. Schirmer, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
J. H. FULMER,
J. W. EARGLE.

Received.

Item 2, of this Report, was disposed of by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That under existing circumstances, we regard it inexpedient to take any steps either, toward uniting with or in any way committing ourselves to any one of the General Lutheran Bodies in this country.

By motion Synod now proceded to elect a Treasurer for the Beneficiary Fund.

Rev. T. Moser was re-elected as Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

Moved, a Committee of two ministers and one lay-man, be appointed to revise our Beneficiary Educational system and report at next meeting of Synod. Committee, A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. Costner.

Moved, that a Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare Theses on some doctrine, for discussion at the next meeting of Synod, and that they be published in *Our Church Paper* a few months previous. The Committee are Rev. J. R. Peterson and Rev. S. Henkel.

Resolved, That the members of this Synod return their most sincere thanks to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst, and that it be made the duty of the President to read this resolution before the congregation, on Sunday, immediately before the first service and make such additional remarks as he may deem proper.

A call was now extended to the ministers present, to state whether our three several standing resolutions have been complied with. Each Minister, being called upon, made statements, as to his practice.

Moved to adjourn until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Dismissed with benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Dr. Smeltzer.

Minutes read, amended, and adopted.

An executive Committee on Home Missions was appointed. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. M. Smith, and Mr. A. Costner.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee on the probation of candidates for the ministry, have examined the matter with as much care as we have had time to do, and regard it a matter that requires more time than we can command. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Committee of two ministers be appointed to mature a plan by which the requirements of Synod upon this subject can be successfully carried into effect, and report to the next annual Convention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
S. HENKEL,
J. R. PETERSON.

Received and adopted.

Committee, Revs A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, S. Henkel.

The following Preamble and Resolution in reference to the above report were adopted.

WHEREAS, Petitions for the licenture of two candidates to the ministry have been addressed to this Synod, and

WHEREAS, By action of this meeting the licensure system has been abolished. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That Messrs. J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand place themselves under the direction of some pastor or pastors connected with the Synod until the next meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAPERS RELATING TO REV. D. EFIRD AND OTHERS.

Your Committee to whom the written document addressed to this Synod signed by certain individual members of St. John, St. Peter, Piney Woods, and St. Jacob Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., stating that unpleasant things exist in their midst, that are having a damaging effect upon the Church, and which if permitted to continue, they assert, will result in their annihilation; in proof of which they refer to two printed articles, one written by Rev. D. Efird and the other by certain parties who subscribe themselves Trustees and patrons of Pine Ridge Academy, have carefully examined these papers, and find those who have subscribed the memorial addressed to us, have neither preferred any charges against Rev. D. Efird themselves, nor named any persons who do. Nor do they express any opinion in regard to the matter. But simply ask Synod to investigate the matter. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Committee of two, one minister and one layman be appointed, whose duty it shall be to call a meeting at St. Peter, Piney Woods Church, or in its vicinity, at such time as may be most convenient, for the purpose of hearing any charges that may be preferred, with such evidence as they may offer also hear the defence of Rev. Efird and the proof he may offer, and make a record of them, and report them to the next annual Convention of this Synod.

The parties, however, who ask for this investigation are required to defray the traveling expenses of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. PETERSON,
A. J. FOX,
F. R. BECK,
S. S. MAUNEY,
S. HENKEL.

Received and adopted.

Committee, Rev. A. J. Fox and Mr. Ambrose Costner or Mr. M. L. Cline.

IN MEMORY OF

REV. T. CROUSE.

WHEREAS, God, in his wise Providence, has called from his labors on earth, Rev. T. CROUSE, a faithful Minister of our Synod, to his rest and reward on high; therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God herein, and humbly bow to his righteous ways, that we cherish his memory, and pray God for grace, that we may meekly submit to his dispensation.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in "OUR CHURCH PAPER," and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

J. M. SMITH,
J. R. PETERSON,
Dr. J. W. EARGLE.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, and each General Body of Lutherans in this country, and the Synods in correspondence with this body two copies each.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To. N. C. Synod, Rev. J. R. Peterson, *Principal*, Rev. M. L. Little, *Alternate*.

To S. C. Synod Rev. D. Efird, *Principal*, and Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Alternate*.

To Holston Synod, J. R. Peterson, *Principal*, and Rev. J. M. Smith, *Alternate*.

To the Penn. Synod, Rev. S Henkel.

Synod now adjourned until after service.

During recess, Rev. S. Henkel preached an ordination sermon from Mark 16: 15. Immediately after this sermon Brethren M. L. Little and J. C. Moser were ordained to the Holy Office of the Ministry. After this solemn service, Synod was called to order.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called. Business was resumed.

Moved, that Mr. R. A. Yoder as beneficiary received $150.00; $50.00 to J. W. Nauman, and J. W. Hausenfluck, $15.00, provided the funds will admit, if not then apportionately.

Resolved, That we place in a proper light, before our congregations the want of the Beneficiary cause and urge our people to contribute more liberally than heretofore.

Preamable and resolution adopted.

WHEREAS. Prof. Ben. Hyde Benton, President of Polytechnic Institute, at New Market, Va., has kindly tendered to this Synod, three free scholarships, in that Institute, one for the congregation of this Synod in S. C., and two for our Churches in N. C., upon condition that the candidates are over 14 years of age, and come with a recommendation from one of the ministers of this Synod.

Resolved. That we highly appreciate this kind offer and most cheerfully accept it, and tender our most sincere thanks to the kind donor.

Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the ministers connected with this Synod, when absent be admonished to be more prompt in writing to and sending in their reports to Synod,

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn to meet at the time and place designated in these minutes. Closed by Rev. S. Henkel.

J. M. SMITH, *Secretary*.

Religious Services on Sunday.

A large congregation assembled and listened to a sermon in the morning by Rev. A. J. Fox, from 2 Cor. 3: 6.

A recess was given, after which the congregation re assembled and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. J. M. Smith, from 2 Tim. 4: 2.

Confession and Absolution were then attended to, and the Holy Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of Lutherans.

Good order and attention characterized the assembly, and the Word preached will not return void.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Rev. S. HENKEL,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

		Dr.
1875.		
Sept. 9,	To am't received for Minutes,	$47.70
" " " "	from Treas. of 1873,	35.00
" " " "	" Treas. of 1872,	3.15
" " " "	" Rev. J. S. Bennick,	10 30
" 21, " "	" " J. N. Stirewalt,	30
" 29, " "	" A. Conrad, Esq.,	90
Oct. 29, " "	" Rev. J. N. Stirewalt,	2.36
Nov. 19, " "	" Maj A. Koiner, Treas., 1874,	10.83
1876.		
Jan. 6,	To am't from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	1.40
		$111.94
1875. Nov.	To amount of Henkel & Co., for adver. in Minutes,	5.00
		$116.94

1876.	Cr.		
Nov.	By am't paid Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes,	$45.00	
Dec. 15,	By am't paid for postage on Min.,	5.76	
		$50.76	
Sept. 30,	By balance on hand, subject to order,		$66.18
			$116.94

S. HENKEL, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREAS. OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

T. MOSER,

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

		Dr.
1875.		
Sept. 2,	To am't on hand,	$33.55
Dec. 11,	" " from J. C. Moser's Charge,	12.75
1876.		
Jan. 8,	To am't from M. L. Little's charge,	20.15
" " " "	" M. L. Fox's charge,	5.00
Feb. 10	" " " J. R. Peterson's charge,	21.00
" " " "	" T. Moser's charge.	5.00
		$97.45

		Cr.	
1876.			
Jan. 13,	By am't paid A. L. Yount,	$14.00	
" 21,	" " " R. A. Yoder,	30.00	
Feb. 18,	" " " A. L. Yount,	50.00	
		$94.00	
	Leaves a balance in my hands of		$3.45

Respectfully submitted, T. MOSER, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S AGENT'S REPORT.

S. Henkel with Rev. T. Moser,
Treasurer of Tenn. Synod Beneficiary Association.

		Dr.
1875.		
Sept. 9,	To cash of Rev. A. L. Crouse,	$ 5.95
" " " "	John Lohr, Mt. Zion Ch., Va.,	3.10
" " " "	Rev. J. S. Bennick,	30.00
1876.		
Jan. 6,	To cash of St. Paul Church,	2.63
Apr. 14,	" " Emanuel Church,	8.01
" " " "	Mrs. Mary M. Henkel,	3.15
		$52.84

		Cr.
1876.		
May.	By am't paid John W. Hausenfluck, as per order,	$50.00
Sept. 30,	By Balance on hand,	2.84
		$52.84

S. HENKEL,
Agent of Beneficiary Treasurer.

The reports on Beneficiary Fund were not examined by Synod, but were placed in the hands of the President after the convention of Synod, who thought it proper to put them in Minutes. S. HENKEL.

CONTRIBUTION FOR SYNODICAL TREASURY FOR 1876.

Rev. A. L. Crouses' Charge:	
Zion's,	$1.60
St. Peter—Meetzes',	1.00
Cedar Grove,	90
Emanuel,	50
St. Paul,	50
Rev D. Efird's Charge:	
St. Peter—Piney Woods,	1.00
St. John,	1.00
Bethlehem,	60
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PASTORAL LETTER.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." If Paul was inspired, this language has the greatest possible force for binding the conscience. It is the conclusion, legitimately drawn, from a clear and irrefutable argument, free from every suspicion of fallacy because conducted by inspiration, and thus binds conscience through our reason. It, also, announces as a fact that God has made it a perpetual law, and thus binds the conscience by positive divine authority. It is, therefore, no longer a question of expediency or fitness, or a matter of choice but a duty as certain and imperative as any given in the Scriptures, and for which we will as surely be required to account. A man is no more excusable for neglecting to bear his part in supporting his pastor than he is for defrauding, for the same Lord who said, "Defraud not," said also "that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

Whatever may be thought of the relation of the ministry to the "universal priesthood," it will not be denied that the office of the ministry is of divine appointment: for the performance of a work which could not be accomplished without it. "He gave some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." This office, so important to the existence and perpetuity of the Church, can be filled only by men "of like passions with ourselves," who have necessities, sympathies, and affections in common with other men. They have no cruse of oil miraculously replenished, nor ravens to carry them food, and they are left to natural resources by which to support existence. God has made it the duty of the people to whom they minister to supply their physical wants.

If the minister is an embassador of God he is an agent of the Church in performing that work which God carries on through His Church. The Church must teach every creature, but as the great body cannot go to foreign lands they send others, and through them discharge their duty to the heathen. So every congregation must preach the gospel to every person within its territory; it must administer the Sacraments, maintain a confession of the truth, and continually edify itself, not only by increasing its numbers but also by perfecting the saints through an advancing knowledge of the Word. But as the majority of every congregation must be engaged in secular pursuits it meets its responsibility only by selecting one to perform that common work.—Ministers are servants of the Church. "Ourselves your servants." They have no further interest in their work than every Christian ought to have. Congregations have the right, and do call pastors, and deputize them to perform this general work. It is a matter of common justice that the congregations should compensate them according to the service rendered. "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn," said the law of Moses. "Doth God take care for oxen?" asked Paul. The argument is, that if God ordained a law that the oxen should be maintained while laboring for us, much more must every man receive adequate wages. Twice does Paul quote the Mosaic precept while discussing the duty of supporting the ministry, and once in connection with the language of the Savior, "The laborer is worthy of his reward." The salary of a pastor is not a charity, but well-earned wages. Who does not expect to pay a lawyer for his counsel, a physician for his attention, the laborer for his service? It is common equity. They have no more right to expect a minister to spend his time and strength without compensation. This is the principle upon which both Christ and Paul place this duty. In every service the wages are regulated very much by the talent and preparation requisite to rendering them. There are neither the talents nor prerequisite training necessary to the laborer in the field that there are for the physician,—and they receive different rewards. There is no calling that demands a longer course of training and greater natural gifts than the ministry, and according to the Scriptural rule their salaries ought to range with the very highest; com-

mon equity would demand it. But as a matter of fact ordinary mechanics who have served an apprenticeship of eighteen months receive better wages. If the little stipulated salary be not regularly paid, as is very often true, what wrong! "Behold the hire of laborers, who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth, and the cries of them which reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth." Much more the cries of a defrauded ministry.

Ministers are often treated as if they were drones—as a class to be supported for maintaining a decent appearance in society, which, if it were only fashionable, might easily be dispensed with. But on the contrary, the minister is the most useful member of the community. From the standpoint of mere financial interest, we cannot fail to see that he is of incalculable importance. Public preaching does far more to restrain passion and lust than the arm of the law. It keeps alive a moral sentiment in the public mind. It is a terror to evil doers. Shut up the churches of a community and very soon an oath looses its sanctity and the administration of justice is at end, property is not safe, trusts are betrayed, and life itself is constantly endangered. He is of equal importance to social culture. Education unregulated by moral sentiments only increases the power of evil. Who would desire to bring up a family of children in a community where there were no churches? A philosopher said that "Christianity is the foundation of modern civilization." If we remove the foundation, our civilization falls. France banished Christianity, and had the Reign of Terrors. But without the ministry Christianity could not exist. That man who does most to preserve and extend the civilization of any community is the minister. Any other man could, therefore, be better spared than a faithful, earnest pastor. If these things are true even the infidel, desiring to do justly, must contribute to the support of the ministry. But his labors considered in their bearing upon our immortal interest are immeasurably more important. Preaching often seems to do but little good. Congregations disperse apparently precisely like they were when they assembled. We do not know the benefit until after the churches have been closed a few years. A single drop does not perceptibly add to a bucket containing a quantity of water, but drop after drop

at length fills it, and when the dripping has ceased evaporation begins, and at last all is gone. Who warns and admonishes the sinner? Who dedicates the child through Holy Baptism? Who administers the Holy Supper? Who expounds the truth? Who ministers to the dying? He seeks us when we stray, strengthens us when we are weak, comforts us when we are in trouble, and sympathizes with us when we are distressed. Without his influence the Word had never found us when we were utterly indifferent, and without him we would again become cold, unbelieving, and finally be lost. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." Notwithstanding our religious literature and the multiplication of the Bible and Christian activity, since the ministry is the fountain of all, it may still be asked with all its original force, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" A life that ends in everlasting misery is worse than wasted. If we are damned "it had been better for us never to have been born." In return for the spiritual blessings and hopes that the ministry bring us, what is due them? "If we have sown unto you spiritual things is it a great thing if we shall reap of your carnal things." With much more than double emphasis we repeat that an earnest, faithful minister of the Word is the most indispensable man in any community. Common equity would say if every other man must go unrewarded the minister must not.

The work of the minister is one of great responsibility. It is the cure of souls. He must rightly divide the Word of truth. If any perish through his neglect God requires the blood of that one at his hands. His *whole time* is necessary for a proper discharge of the functions of his office. Is not this the rule given to Timothy? "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee which was given thee by prophecy. Meditate on these things; *give thyself wholly to them.*" It is not because he is too holy, but because he has not time to engage in secular pursuits that makes it wrong for a minister to seek a support from them. "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God and serve tables." Whenever a minister combines a secular calling with his pastoral duties there is wrong somewhere. If it is for filthy lucre's sake, it

is with him; but if to obtain a support, the wrong is with the people whom he serves.

The ministry has a right to ask a comfortable living. God gave the Levites no inheritance when He divided the Land of Promise, because they were to be supported by the offerings from the other tribes. "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" Some have reproached those ministers who have asked a very modest living as being money preachers, not knowing that they impeach the apostle who, by the language just quoted, gave them the right to claim it. Ministers have never demanded what common equity would allow,—they have always been satisfied with an income that would meet necessary wants.

The people generally do not consider the many extra expenses of the ministry. For every thing he gets he must pay cash, except the few donations from his parishioners. He must buy provender for his horse and cow, and, if his home is in a town, often vegetables as well as flour, meat and groceries. He needs books and should purchase only standard ones, which are costly. He is expected to dress himself and family well, the people themselves complain when he does not make a respectable appearance in society. He must often entertain visitors. He must set an example of charity, and in many communities if a man has lost his house or barn by fire he comes to the minister to head the list of subscription for a new one. Then his children, are to be educated, for it is all he can expect to give them. These and many things would consume a much larger income than the great majority of ministers receive were it not for an economy rarely know beyond the threshhold of a parsonage. He knows he ought to provide for old age, or for his family if he should die. But he sees no way, and he dismisses as quickly as possible a thought that if indulged would crush him. A salary upon which a minister can just keep out of debt is not a comfortable living. It ought to be large enough to make him easy in maintaining that style of life which is expected of him, to educate his children, and to lay aside something every year for a Winter's day. If it become a rule that he is to be discarded when he is fifty years old, it is the duty of those who receive the benefit of

his labors to provide for his comfort when those labors are no longer wanted.

In this matter our Synod is behind in duty. Our parochial reports reveal the fact that but one congregation makes an effort to support its pastor. This is not because there are no others able to do it. The great majority of our pastors are compelled to engage in other callings, notwithstanding the large number of communicants some of them report. Many of our pastorates could be divided into two or three, and each could give a comfortable salary. They would reap the benefit in many ways. They would have more frequent and better preaching. Their pastor could visit them, and a stronger feeling of interest would spring up between himself and his people. He could learn better their wants and address himself more directly and intelligently to meeting them. He could visit the sick. He could call on families that are out of all church relations and carry the gospel to firesides that can not be otherwise reached. Our ministers would all be more efficient and our congregations more prosperous.

The work is easy when earnestly begun. Men who give ten dollars could give seventy-five and not be a cent poorer at the end of the year. Many will say "Oh! that is too much, too much, I can't give that." But there are thousands in our country who are no wealthier than they are who give annually double that much. Many who give five dollars could give fifty. It can be done, for it has been done easily when once men were in earnest. They are not "broken up" yet and if God's promise does not fail they will never be by that sort of liberality, for He has said "the liberal soul shall be made fat." The time has come for our congregations to take a step forward, and now let each member boldly make an advance, and the work will be done grandly.

It must be done to preserve our existence. After men have spent from six to eight years and all their patrimony in preparing for the ministry they must be supported or they will locate elsewhere, or they will be deterred from entering the ministry at all. The time was when a lower standard of education sufficed, and our ministers having more time and money could live on less. If we close our eyes to the change, that does not alter the fact. Can the

Tennessee Synod after having stood and boldly confessed the truth for more than a half century, with such a history, and with so many souls under her care and within reach of her influence consent to betray her trust and ingloriously perish? Her record is too bright, her zeal too deep, her love for the truth too intense to allow her to consent to such an end. We may, then confidently appeal to our people to double and triple and quadruple their contributions to the support of the ministry until our self-sustaining charges be many times multiplied, and every minister be stripped of every excuse for leaving the word to serve tables.

L. A. Fox,
S. Henkel. } *Committee.*

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next suceeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-seventh annual convention in Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., beginning on Thursday, the 8th day of November, 1877.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of ministers was called, the lay-delegates presented their certificates of election, and their names were enrolled.

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	Rev. H. GOODMAN,	Statesville, N. C.
2	" A. J. FOX,	Lincolnton, "
3.	" T. MILLER,*	Saumsville, Va.
4.	" J. R. PETERSON,*	Dallas, N C.
5.	" T. MOSER,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
6.	" P. C. HENKEL,‡	Conover, "
7.	" S. HENKEL, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
8.	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
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11.	" J. N. STIREWALT,*	Stony Man, Va.
12.	" J. S. BENNICK,†	Forestville, "
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14.	" J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, "
15.	" M. L. LITTLE,	Lincolnton, "
16.	" L. A. FOX,*	Waynesboro', Va.
17.	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
18.	" J. P. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va.
19.	" J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,	Grove Hill, "

* Excused. † Not excused. ‡ Admitted at this meeting.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches Represented.
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D. H. Wheeler,	St. Peter, "
Jacob Epting, Sen.,	St. John, "
M. W. Shealy,	Cedar Grove, "
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Col. G. H. Chapman,	St. James, S. C.
G. W. Fox,	Melanchthon, N. C.
Caleb Rhodes,	Salem and Grace, N. C.
N. Townsan,	St. John, St. Paul, St. James, Zion and Piney Grove, N. C.
J. T. Fogleman,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
J. K. Efird,	St. Paul, S C.

The President read his annual Report, which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren in Christ, Jesus:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, be and abide with us.

It is through the beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, sympathize with, counsel, and encourage each other, devise the best and most judicious means for promoting the Gospel, maintaing and perpetuating the sacred and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and entireness, and for the up building and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, devoutly raising our hearts in gratitude and thankfulness to the great Father of Lights, the Giver of all Good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring Him for a continuance of his blessings.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, have been preserved during the past year, and the deaths of our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The health of our Synod, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

Official Acts.—During the synodical year, we have not been called upon to perform any official acts. The changes, during the year, in our Synod, have been few.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last convention of our Synod, held in St. John's Church, Lexington county, South Carolina, October 5-10, 1876, appointing a committee to examine John W. Hausenfluck, of Shenandoah County, Va., as to his qualifications for the ministerial office, and if found qualified to ordain him to the office of pastor, the said Committee examined him, and he having sustained his examination, was ordained by the imposition of hands and with prayer, according to the rites of the Church, on the 14th day of May, 1876, during a meeting of the Virginia Special Conference of the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened at Solomon's Church, Shenandoah County, Va., May 12-15, 1877.

We recommend, that his name be enrolled among the names of the clergy, in connection with our Synod. His address is Grove Hill, Page Co., Va.

New Church Edifices and Organizations.—A large, commodious Church Edifice, having been erected, in good style, by the congregation of Solomon's Church, near Forestville, Shenandoah County, Va., Rev. J. S. Bennick's charge, to take the place of the old Church building, was dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Solomon's (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 13th day of May, 1877.

Members of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge, Page County, Va., having purchased a Church building, formerly owned and occupied by the German Reformed, refitted and repaired it. A congregation was organized, and the house dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Grace, (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 5th Sunday of July, 1877.

No doubt this new congregation will apply for admittance into our Synod, at this session. If so, it should be received.

We also learn, that an excellent Church edifice has been erected by the Coble Church congregation, Rev. M. L. Fox's

charge, Guilford County, North Carolina, which will be dedicated, during this session of Synod. No other new organization, or Church edifices have been reported to us, during the Synodical year.

VACANCIES.—We are informed, that several congregations made vacant by the death of the lamented Rev. T. Crouse, in Davidson County, N C., are being temporarily served by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the North Carolina Synod. Some action of Synod may be necessary in regard to these congregations. All our other vacant congregations, we believe, are being temporarily served

CHANGES IN PASTORATES.—St. Paul's Church, Page Co., Va., served by us, St. William's and Fairview, of the same county, served by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, have been formed into a charge, which is now served by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. Zion Church and St Paul's, I believe, Shenandoah Co., Va., served by Rev. J. S. Bennick, have been added to Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge. The Rochelle congregation, Madison County, Va., formerly served by Rev. J E. Seneker, is now served by Rev. L. A. Fox.

Several changes have been made also in some of the charges in North Carolina, but we have not been informed as to the precise arrangement.

No doubt, as many of our charges are still too large, and not arranged in the most advantageous and convenient way, further changes would prove profitable to the Church, and convenient to pastors and people. Perhaps, it would be well to continue all judicious efforts, till the charges shall have been arranged to the best advantage.

CHURCH PROPERTY.—We have been informed that the Lutheran Church edifice located in Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C., is now being occupied by some Baptist denomination.

We would recommend, that Synod appoint a suitable Committee, and authorize it to see after our interest in that property, and if there is no prospect of building up a Lutheran congregation there, the property might be sold and the proceeds used to advantage. But if it is thought, that Lincolnton is too important a point to be abandoned, Synod should make it a missionary point, and secure the services of a suitable minister to attend to it. This matter is worthy of the consideration of Synod.

EDUCATION.—We are informed, that the School, established at Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., under Church influence, is in operation. We would commend it to the favorable recognition of Synod, to take such action in regard to it as may be deemed proper. It seems to be a necessity in that section, and will, if properly managed, prove a blessing to the Church.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.—We would recommend, in conclusion, that Synod take some efficient action relative to Home Missionary operations. Perhaps, arrangements could be made to put a Missionary in the field.

May the Great Head of the Church preside over us, during our present meeting, guiding us in the way of truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions may contribute to the honor and glory of God and to the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

Election for Officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following results:

Rev. S. HENKEL, D. D., ... *President.*
" J. PAUL STIREWALT, ... *Record. Secretary.*
" M. L. LITTLE, ... *Cor. Secretary.*
" D. EFIRD, ... *Treasurer.*

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod resumed business.

Letters, papers, and petitions, addressed to Synod were called for, placed on the table, and handed over to the respective Committees.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds T. Moser, M. L. Little and Dr. J. W. Eargle.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds A. L. Crouse, J. C. Moser, and Mr. Henry Darr.

3. *On Examination.*—Rev'ds T. Moser and H. Goodman.

4. *On the State of the Church.*—Mr. C. Bookman, Col. Jos. Crouse, and Rev. M. L. Little.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. D. Efird, Mr. J. Epting, Sen., and Rev. T. Moser.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Associations.*—Rev. J. C. Moser, Col. G. H. Chapman and Mr. W. A. Beck.

On motion the President was added to the Committee on Examination.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Henkel was unanimously received as a member of this Synod.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To N. C. Synod, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. J. C. Moser, *Alternate*.

To S. C. Synod, Rev. M. L. Little, *Principal*, Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Alternate*.

To Holston Synod, Rev. J. M. Smith, *Principal*, Rev. T. Moser, *Alternate*.

To Penn. Synod, Rev. L. A. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., *Alternate*.

To Va. Synod, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, *Principal*, Rev. I. Conder, *Alternate*.

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. We your Committee on unfinished business report that we find on page 8 of last year's minutes, that a committee was appointed to examine and ordain Mr. A. L. Yount, if necessary. We inquire if that committee has discharged its duty?

2. On page 15, we find that a Committe was appointed to submit a plan to meet the requirements of our organic law, requiring some probationary period of one year for our candidates for the ministry, prior to ordination. Is this committee ready to report?

3. On page 12, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and we inquire whether this committee has done anything?

4. On some page, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod and have them bound, and we inquire if this work has been consumated?

5. On page 14, we find that a Committee on the revision of our Beneficiary Education system was appointed and to report at this meeting of Synod?

6. On page 15, we find that a Committee was appointed in the case of Rev. D Efird and others, and we inquire what has been done?

A. L. CROUSE,
J. C. MOSER,
HENRY DARR.

The report was received and laid over for future action. There being no business before Synod, the Theses on the "Fall and rise of Man" were read, and received for discussion.

On motion Synod adjourned till Friday morning.—Prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse. Roll called. Minutes read, received, and adopted.

On motion, Rev. E. P. Parker, of the N. C. Synod, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

On motion the reprinting of our old Church Hymn Book was taken up, and after a free exchange of views, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion the Report on Unfinished Business was taken up, and considered by items.

Item 1. No action necessary.

Item 2. No action taken.

Item 3. Committee discharged.

On motion, a new Committee was appointed to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and report the result of their efforts at the next convention of Synod. Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, L. A. Fox, and Rev. D. Efird.

Item 4 Favorably reported, and Committee continued.

Item 5. Report was read, received, and taken up, and on motion laid on the table.

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

During recess Rev. H. Goodman preached a sermon from 1 Cor. 2, 2.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

Item 6, of Report on Unfinished Business was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COLLECT THE EVIDENCE, PRO AND CON, IN REGARD TO CERTAIN CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST REV. D. EFIRD.

Your Committee appointed to collect the testimony offered, on both sides, in regard to certain charges preferred against Rev. Daniel Efird, a member of this Synod, and report the same to the present convention of this Synod, would submit that, after some preliminary correspondence with both the accusers, and the accused, and being furnished with a written copy of the charges and specifications pre-

ferred against him, and being assured that a copy of the same had been properly served on the said Rev. Daniel Efird, in obedience to a resolution of this Synod, we called and attended a meeting for the purposes designated in our appointment, at St. Peter's (Piney Woods) Church, Lexington Co., S. C., on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of May, 1877, heard and recorded the testimony as we were required to do.

Your Committee, upon considering this very difficult, but, nevertheless, grave and important matter, thought it would be best for all concerned, to have all the witnesses make their statements under a civil oath. And accordingly, all on both sides were publicly qualified by Mr. ——— Counts, Notary Public. The witnesses on both sides were heard and examined, and the substance of the statement made by each one was written down, and publicly read to him, while he was still upon the witness stand; and he was asked whether the statemants then recorded is what he swears in this case—to which every one gave an affirmative answer.

Rev. Daniel Efird, by agreement of both parties, was permitted to present in writing, the principle part of his testimony in his own defense—this he did on oath.

After all the testimony offered on both sides, at that time, had been heard and recorded, the meeting adjourned, *sine die*.

Since then, several copies of additional testimony of affidavits taken by Rev. Daniel Efird, in his own defense, have been forwarded to us, with a statement from him that the original are retained by him, to be presented to this convention of the Synod.

Your Committee having discharged all the portions of this most difficult duty assigned to us by the Synod to the best of our ability; now most respectfully beg leave to complete the work assigned us, by submiting this report in connection with the charges preferred—the evidence collected, and all the papers relating to this case, that have come into our hands, with the sincere hope, and prayer to Almighty God, that in the wisdom of this Synod, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God, this case may be disposed of, in such a manner, that full justice shall be done to all concerned, to the honor and glory of the Great Head of the Church.

A. J. Fox,
A. Costner.

On motion, all the Ministers present were appointed a Committee to investigate the written evidence on the Efird —Chapman, (and others,) case.

The appointed Committee on the State of the Church read their report. The report was laid on the table

Adjourned till Saturday morning. Prayer by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

Friday evening a sermon was preached by Mr. E. L. Lybrand, from Luke 8, 4–8.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened by Rev. J. M. Smith. Roll called.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim of the N. C. Synod being present, and having presented his credentials of election as corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, to this Synod, was received, and took his seat as such among us.

On motion, reading of yesterday's Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the report on the State of the Church was re committed.

On motion, the Committee on the State of the Church was discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee, to whom this duty was assigned have examined the matter with as much care as time and opportunities have permited us to do, and we must say, that we find it surrounded by many very serious difficulties. Owing to the peculiar situation of our Synod, and also the poorly defined, and unsettled views of the Church at this time, upon this subject. We however beg leave to submit the following:

Formerly our Synod recognized two grades in the Ministry, Deacon and Pastor. This custom, as observed by us, resulted in a two-fold Ordination, in almost all cases, and after some 45 years experience, with this custom, it was abondoned, and the licensure System, as practiced by many other Lutheran Synods, in this country was substituted, and this was in use among us for some 10 or 12 years. But was finally abandoned by a resolution of our last Synod. The first was abandoned, because it was supposed by some that there is no Scriptural warrant for a two fold Ordination as was practiced by us. The latter was abandoned because, it has no Scriptural warrant—is not practiced by the more genuine Lutheran Synods of this country; and is rapidly going into disuse, even among the more lax of our Lutheran Synods. The question now is with us, shall we return to either of our abandoned customs, or adopt some other

one. Our organic law requires a probationary period of at least one year, of all our candidates for the office of the Ministry. The Synods in connection with the General Bodies of our Church, have no difficulty in regard to this matter; because each one of them has a Theological Seminary under their care and direction, in which they generally require their candidates for the ministry to pass a regular pupilage from one to three years; and at the end of that time, they are prepared for ordination. With us, however, the case is very different, as we have no such Institution, in which to prepare our young men. The Church in this country, is in rather a transition state, and the greater portion may at no distant day, adopt a graded ministry embracing, not only the Deacon and Pastor, but the Bishop too. Besides, our Synod may in no very many years, see her way clear to unite with some one of the General Lutheran bodies of this country — In view of all these things, your Committee is of the opinion, that we as a Synod are bearly prepared, at this time, to take any decided action in regard to this matter, and therefore, recommend that a resolution be adopted at this convention of our Synod, advising all candidates for the ministry, who now are under the care of Synod, or who may at any time place themselves under her care, to place themselves under the care of some minister in our connection and prosecute their studies, and labor under his directions until they are prepared for ordination, or until this order is changed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
S. Henkel.

The recommendation in the Report was sustained.

Moved, that the Efird—Chapman, (and others,) case be now heard and considered.

Moved that the President appoint two persons as attorneys to conduct the case.

Appointments, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, on the part of the Plaintiffs, and Rev. P. C. Henkel, on that of the Defendants.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet after recess for the consideration of said case. Benediction by Mr. J. K. Efird.

During recess Rev. J. M. Smith preached from John 8, 29, 30, 31. After which the *pastor loci* administered the Rite of Confirmation to eight persons.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, 2 o'clock.

The members of Synod assembled in private session, and were called to order by the President. Roll called.

Synod proceeded to consider the above named case.—After investigating and considering the two specifications under the first count, and the first specification under the second count being introduced, and the attorney for the plaintiff finding that a paper containing the principal evidence had been lost or misplaced, asked the consent of the attorney for the defence, to enter a *nolle prosequi.*—After some consultation it was granted.

NOLLE PROSEQUI.

COBLE'S CHURCH, Guilford Co., N. C., }
November 12, 1877. }

This day by mutual agreement, Rev. A. J. Fox and Rev. P. C. Henkel counsel, in a case in which Col. Geo. H. Chapman and others, against Rev. Daniel Efird, brought before the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in which case serious charges were preferred against the said Daniel Efird, the case being commenced and brought to a certain stage, when we the counsel on both parts by a mutual agreement made and publicly subscribed by each one of the counsel in the presence of the whole number of the members now present, enter a cessation of the prosecution.

A. J. FOX, P. C. HENKEL,
Counsel for the Prosecution. *Counsel for the Defendant.*

On motion, the entrance of the *nolle prosequi* was agreed to, by Synod.

The President then arose and delivered a suitable admonition, intermingled with traces of reprimand and prudence.

On motion, Rev. J. C. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Moved to adjourn till Monday morning, 9 o'clock Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON SUNDAY.

A large congregation assembled in the new Church edifice and listened to the dedicatory sermon by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., after which the dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

At the same time a congregation assembled in the old Church, and were addressed by Rev. A. L. Crouse, from Rom. 10, 1, 2, 3.

A recess was given, after which the congregation assembled at the stand in the Grove, and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, from 1 Cor. 11, 26–32.

Confession and absolution were then attended to, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of communicants.

During these lengthy exercises the large assembly was characterized by good order and marked attention.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way, by the Secretary.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report submit the following.

1. That the name of J. W. Hausenfluck be entered on the ministerial roll of our Synod.

2. That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar Committee, to be appointed by the Reformed Church, in reference to joint Church property at Lincolnton, N. C.

3. That we regard no further action on the part of this Synod, in reference to the Concordia High School, at Conover, N. C., as necessary.

4. That Synod put a traveling missionary in the field, as soon as the necessary arrangement can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
M. L. LITTLE,
J. W. EARGLE.

On motion, the Report was received and considered, item by item.

Item 1, sustained and bro. J. W. Hausenflucks' name enrolled.

Item 2, recommendation sustained and Committee appointed. Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson, A. Costner, and Caleb Rhodes.

Item 3, recommendation of Committee sustained.

Item 4, recommendation of Committee sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leaf to submit the following:

Class I. Petitions for Ordination.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from St. John's and St. Peter's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., asking for the examination and ordination of Messrs. J. A. Cromer, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are petitions from Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, Immanuel's and Zion's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C , praying for the examination, ordination and services of candidates, J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand and J. A. Cromer.

Nos. 9 and 10 are petitions from St. Stephen's and Zion's Churches, Catawba Co., N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of candidate, R. A. Yoder.

Class II Petitions for the next Session of Synod.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Matthew's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., asking for the next session of this Synod to convene in said Church.

No. 2 is a petition from Emanuel's Church, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va., of the same import.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va , of similar import.

Class III. Petitions for dismissal.

No. 1 is a petition from Spanish Grove congregation, Forsythe Co., N. C., in which the petitioners asked to be dismissed from this Synod.

Class II. Memorials.

No. 1 is a memorial from Beck's Church, Davidson Co., N. C., in which the memorialists state, that they have been supplied with preaching this year, by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the N. C. Synod.

No. 2 is a memorial from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., in which the memorialist state that they have been faithfully served this year as pastor by Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox.

Class V. Letters to Synod.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Bennick. 1. He gives his reason for non-attendance at this session of Synod. — 2. Assigns his reasons for not raising any Beneficiary Funds this year. 3. He speaks of a petition from St. Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co , Va., asking for the next session of Synod to convene in said Church, and urges that Synod comply with said request.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson, giving his reasons for his non attendance at this session of Synod, and speaks of education and missions.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, in which he states his appointment by the Va. Synod, as Corresponding Dele-

gate to our Synod, and regrets his inability to be with us.—Tenders the fraternal greetings of the Va. Synod to this body, and calls the attention of this Synod to the late action of the General Synod, on the subject of the Richmond Mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In reference to Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, we recommend the examination of brethren J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand, and J. A. Cromer.

2. In reference to Nos. 9 and 10, we recommend that brother R. A. Yoder be examined and ordained.

3. In reference to Class 3rd, No. 1, we recommend that the petioners request be granted.

4. In reference to Class 5th, No. 1, we recommend that Bro. Bennick be excused.

5. In reference to No 2, we recommend that Bro. Peterson be excused.

7. In reference to No. 3, be it

Resolved, That we express our regret that Rev. J. I. Miller, did not find it convenient to be with us.

D. EFIRD.
JACOB EPTING, Sen.

Report was received and acted upon by items.

On motion, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was added to the Committee on examination instead of Rev. T. Moser absent.

Class I.—Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and recommendation postponed for the present.

Items 9 and 10, R. A. Yoder declined being examined.

Class II.—Petitions for Synod.

No. 1. Next meeting be held in St. Matthew Church, Virginia.

It was moved that the next meeting of the Synod be held in St. Matthew Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1878.

Class III.—No. 1. Complied with. Rev. P. C. Henkel and N. Townsan voted negatively.

Moved to adjourn till after sermon. During intermission Rev. P. C. Henkel preached from John 3, 5.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod assembled and resumed business.

Report on Letters and Petitions was taken up, considered and finished.

Class V.—No. 1. Rev. J. S. Bennick not excused.

No. 2. Rev. J. R. Peterson excused.

No. 3 Resolution unanimously adopted.

Rev. I. Conder not excused.

Rev. T. Miller excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt excused.

Rev. L. A. Fox excused.

Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as a whole.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Reports on the condition of congregations were now read, being called for by the President.

Synod ajourned with prayer by Rev. M. L. Little.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.—Roll called.

On motion, it was made the duty of the President, verbally, to return to day after divine worship, the most sincere thanks of the members of this Synod to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran publications two copies each.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Corresponding Delegate of the N. C. Synod, conveyed to this Synod in a few pertinent remarks, the fraternal greetings and kindly feelings of the N. C. Synod, and was appropriately replied to by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

The following resolution in reference to the congregations of the late Rev. T. Crouse, was unanimously adopted.

THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE REV. T. CROUSE.

Resolved, That the course pursued and the conduct manifested by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of N. C. Synod, in serving as a supply the congregations left vacant by the

death of the late lamented Rev. T. Crouse, and in connection with this Synod, is commendable, and meets the approbation of this Synod.

On motion, the minutes were received and adopted without reading.

An election of Treasurer for Beneficiary Fund was held, and resulted in the re-election of Rev. T. Moser.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report, have examined these Reports and find them correct.

M. L. LITTLE,
W. A. BECK.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. A. J. FOX,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

1877.		
Nov. 13,	To am't due from former Treasurer, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.,	$73.28
1876.		
Dec. 5,	By am't paid Henkel & Co., for printing, binding and mailing Minutes for 1876.	$56 12
	To balance due Synod by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.	17.16
	To cash on hand collected from congregations for Synodical Treasury,	$43.30
	To balance due the Synod in cash and accounts,	60.46

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. FOX, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

T. MOSER,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

		Dr.
1877.		
	To amount on hand,	$3.45
Jan 10,	" " from Rev J. R. Peterson's charge,	50.40
June 19,	" " " Rev. J. M. Smith's charge,	10 55
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. M. L. Little's charge,	50 00
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. T. Mosers charge,	2 60
		$117.00

		Cr.
1877.		
Jan. 10,	By am't paid R. A. Yoder,	$29.55
May 1,	" " "	61.00
June 19,	" " "	12.00
July 28,	" " "	3.00
Nov. 8,	" " "	11.45
		$117.00

T. MOSER, *Treas. Ben. Fund.*

TREASURER'S AGENT REPORT.

S. Henkel with Rev. T. Moser,
Trasurer of Tenn. Synod Beneficiary Association.

1876.		Dr.
Sept. 30,	To balance due on account rendered,	$2.86
1877. Jan. 25,	of Mary M. Henkel,	3.15
" Feb. 1,	of L. M. Zirkle, Treas. Emanuel Church, New Market, Va.,	12.06
Aug. 14,	of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	11.35
" "	of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt,	4 82
" "	of Rev. I. Conder,	22.00
Sept. 3,	of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	4.62
		$60.86
1877.	Cr.	
April,	By am't paid J. W. Hausenfluck, $15.00	$15.00
		$75.86

S. HENKEL, *Agent of Ben. Treas.*

On motion, the President appointed a Committee of three to prepare rules and regulations for the government of Beneficiaries to report at the next meeting of Synod. Committee, Rev. A. J. Fox, J. M Smith, and Mr. M. L Cline.

On motion, the following Executive Committee on Missions was appointed by the President. Revs. L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and A. L. Crouse.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REV. A. L. YOUNT.

WHEREAS, Rev. A. L. Yount, formerly a Beneficiary, and who had received some $500 or $600 of the Beneficiary funds of this Synod, and who had entered into an obligation to labor within the bounds of this Synod for a term of ten years, has removed to, and taken charge of Lutheran congregation at Murphysboro, Ill., and by this act has laid himself liable to refund the money he has received from this Synod with 6 per cent. interest Be it

Resolved, by this Synod that Rev. A. L. Yount, be hereby notified that he is expected and required to refund as early as possible, all the money he has received with the interest he has obligated himself to pay to this Synod.

Resolution adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned. Closed by Rev. Henkel, D. D.

After recess a sermon was preached by the Secretary from 1 Thes. 5, 17.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations,	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms	Letters,	Deaths,	Expulsions,	Sunday Schools.	Teachers,	Removals,	Synodical.	Ben. Education	Curr'nt Exp'nses	Other Objects,	Mission'ry Fund
A. J. FOX,	1837	2	375	16	.....	35	...	18	...	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
D. EFIRD,	1847	8	1175	58	.....	86	...	17	...	6	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
M. L. LITTLE,	1873	5	824†	80	3	61	12	8	1	...	...	9	$7 00	.....	$400 00	.....	.....
J. M. SMITH,	1856	6	750	103	1	67	...	22	...	2	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. HENKEL,	1850	2	220	22	10	27	3	11	...	1	...	.....	3 10	$15 31	.....	.....	.....
J. R. PETERSON,	1843	6	441	10	3	46	...	5	...	...	...	.....	18 20	.....	450 00	.....	.....
M. L. FOX,	1871	3	150	17	.....	21	...	3	...	1	...	.....	2 00	5 00	300 00	.....	.....
J. C. MOSER,	1873	4	210	5	2	16	1	9	...	1	4	1	.....	.....	325 00	.....	.....
A. L. CROUSE,	1871	3	169	11	....	16	2	2	1	3	15	.....	3 00	.....	210 00	$120	$7 45
J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	347	17	8	22	...	8	...	2	...	.....	1 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	4	250	25	6	27	...	6	...	1	5	.....	2 20	15 97	.....	.....	.....
T. MOSER,	1844	4	200*	12	.....	17	...	3	...	...	...	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
P. C. HENKEL,*	1843	9	976	2	2	55	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
I. CONDER,	1861	4	200	9	2	15	...	4	...	1	...	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
J. S. BENNICK,	1866	6	600	60	16	50	...	22	...	2	...	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
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STANDING RESOLUTONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requesed, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be request- to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in the future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-seventh annual convention in Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., beginning on Thursday, the 8th day of November, 1877.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of ministers was called, the lay-delegates presented their certificates of election, and their names were enrolled.

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	Rev. H. GOODMAN,	Statesville, N. C.
2	" A. J. FOX,	Lincolnton, "
3.	" T. MILLER,*	Saumsville, Va.
4.	" J. R. PETERSON,*	Dallas, N. C.
5.	" T. MOSER,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
6.	" P. C. HENKEL,‡	Conover, "
7.	" S. HENKEL, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
8.	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
9.	" J. M. SMITH,	Conover, N. C.
10.	" I. CONDER,†	McGaheysville, Va.
11.	" J. N. STIREWALT,*	Stony Man, Va.
12.	" J. S. BENNICK,†	Forestville, "
13.	" M. L. FOX,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
14.	" J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, "
15.	" M. L. LITTLE,	Lincolnton, "
16.	" L. A. FOX,*	Waynesboro', Va.
17.	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
18.	" J. P. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va.
19.	" J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,	Grove Hill, "

* Excused. † Not excused. ‡ Admitted at this meeting.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Carroll Bookman,	Bethlehem, S. C.
J. A. Cromer,	Emanuel, "
D. H. Wheeler,	St. Peter, "
Jacob Epting, Sen.,	St. John, "
M. W. Shealy,	Cedar Grove, "
E. L. Lybrand,	Zion, "
Dr. J. W. Eargle,	Jacob, "
J. J. Wessinger,	St. Thomas. "
R. A. Yoder,	Daniel, N. C.
Michael Coble,	Coble, "
Joseph Crouse,	Beck, "
Jacob Byerly,	Emanuel, "
W. A. Beck,	New Jerusalem, N. C.
Henry Darr,	Pilgrim, N. C.
Col. G. H. Chapman,	St. James, S C.
G. W. Fox,	Melanchthon, N. C.
Caleb Rhodes,	Salem and Grace, N. C.
N. Townsan,	St. John, St. Paul, St. James, Zion and Piney Grove, N. C.
J. T. Fogleman,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
J. K. Efird,	St. Paul, S C.

The President read his annual Report, which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren in Christ, Jesus:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, be and abide with us.

It is through the beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, sympathize with, counsel, and encourage each other, devise the best and most judicious means for promoting the Gospel, maintaing and perpetuating the sacred and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and entireness, and for the up building and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, devoutly raising our hearts in gratitude and thankfulness to the great Father of Lights, the Giver of all Good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring Him for a continuance of his blessings.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, have been preserved during the past year, and the deaths of our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The health of our Synod, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

Official Acts —During the synodical year, we have not been called upon to perform any official acts. The changes, during the year, in our Synod, have been few.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last convention of our Synod, held in St. John's Church, Lexington county, South Carolina, October 5-10, 1876, appointing a committee to examine John W. Hausenfluck, of Shenandoah County, Va., as to his qualifications for the ministerial office, and if found qualified to ordain him to the office of pastor, the said Committee examined him, and he having sustained his examination, was ordained by the imposition of hands and with prayer, according to the rites of the Church, on the 14th day of May, 1876, during a meeting of the Virginia Special Conference of the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened at Solomon's Church, Shenandoah County, Va., May 12-15, 1877.

We recommend, that his name be enrolled among the names of the clergy, in connection with our Synod. His address is Grove Hill, Page Co., Va.

New Church Edifices and Organizations.—A large, commodious Church Edifice, having been erected, in good style, by the congregation of Solomon's Church, near Forestville, Shenandoah County, Va., Rev. J. S. Bennick's charge, to take the place of the old Church building, was dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Solomon's (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 13th day of May, 1877.

Members of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge, Page County, Va., having purchased a Church building, formerly owned and occupied by the German Reformed, refitted and repaired it. A congregation was organized, and the house dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Grace, (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 5th Sunday of July, 1877.

No doubt this new congregation will apply for admittance into our Synod, at this session. If so, it should be received.

We also learn, that an excellent Church edifice has been erected by the Coble Church congregation, Rev. M. L. Fox's

charge, Guilford County, North Carolina, which will be dedicated, during this session of Synod. No other new organization, or Church edifices have been reported to us, during the Synodical year.

VACANCIES.—We are informed, that several congregations made vacant by the death of the lamented Rev. T. Crouse, in Davidson County, N. C., are being temporarily served by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the North Carolina Synod. Some action of Synod may be necessary in regard to these congregations. All our other vacant congregations, we believe, are being temporarily served

CHANGES IN PASTORATES.—St. Paul's Church, Page Co., Va., served by us, St. William's and Fairview, of the same county, served by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, have been formed into a charge, which is now served by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. Zion Church and St Paul's, I believe, Shenandoah Co., Va., served by Rev. J. S. Bennick, have been added to Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge. The Rochelle congregation, Madison County, Va., formerly served by Rev. J. E. Seneker, is now served by Rev. L. A. Fox.

Several changes have been made also in some of the charges in North Carolina, but we have not been informed as to the precise arrangement.

No doubt, as many of our charges are still too large, and not arranged in the most advantageous and convenient way, further changes would prove profitable to the Church, and convenient to pastors and people. Perhaps, it would be well to continue all judicious efforts, till the charges shall have been arranged to the best advantage.

CHURCH PROPERTY.—We have been informed that the Lutheran Church edifice located in Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C., is now being occupied by some Baptist denomination.

We would recommend, that Synod appoint a suitable Committee, and authorize it to see after our interest in that property, and if there is no prospect of building up a Lutheran congregation there, the property might be sold and the proceeds used to advantage. But if it is thought, that Lincolnton is too important a point to be abandoned, Synod should make it a missionary point, and secure the services of a suitable minister to attend to it. This matter is worthy of the consideration of Synod.

EDUCATION.—We are informed, that the School, established at Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., under Church influence, is in operation. We would commend it to the favorable recognition of Synod, to take such action in regard to it as may be deemed proper. It seems to be a necessity in that section, and will, if properly managed, prove a blessing to the Church.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.—We would recommend, in conclusion, that Synod take some efficient action relative to Home Missionary operations. Perhaps, arrangements could be made to put a Missionary in the field.

May the Great Head of the Church preside over us, during our present meeting, guiding us in the way of truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions may contribute to the honor and glory of God and to the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

Election for Officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following results:

Rev. S. HENKEL, D. D., ... *President.*
" J. PAUL STIREWALT, ... *Record. Secretary.*
" M. L. LITTLE, ... *Cor. Secretary.*
" D. EFIRD, ... *Treasurer.*

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod resumed business.

Letters, papers, and petitions, addressed to Synod were called for, placed on the table, and handed over to the respective Committees.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds T. Moser, M. L. Little and Dr. J. W. Eargle.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds A. L. Crouse, J. C. Moser, and Mr. Henry Darr.

3. *On Examination.*—Rev'ds T. Moser and H. Goodman.

4. *On the State of the Church.*—Mr. C. Bookman, Col. Jos. Crouse, and Rev. M. L. Little.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. D. Efird, Mr. J. Epting, Sen., and Rev. T. Moser.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Associations.*—Rev. J. C. Moser, Col. G. H. Chapman and Mr. W. A. Beck.

On motion the President was added to the Committee on Examination.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Henkel was unanimously received as a member of this Synod.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To N. C. Synod, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. J. C. Moser, *Alternate.*

To S. C. Synod, Rev. M. L. Little, *Principal*, Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Alternate.*

To Holston Synod, Rev. J. M. Smith, *Principal*, Rev. T. Moser, *Alternate.*

To Penn. Synod, Rev. L. A. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., *Alternate.*

To Va. Synod, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, *Principal*, Rev. I. Conder, *Alternate.*

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. We your Committee on unfinished business report that we find on page 8 of last year's minutes, that a committee was appointed to examine and ordain Mr. A. L. Yount, if necessary. We inquire if that committee has discharged its duty?

2. On page 15, we find that a Committe was appointed to submit a plan to meet the requirements of our organic law, requiring some probationary period of one year for our candidates for the ministry, prior to ordination. Is this committee ready to report?

3. On page 12, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and we inquire whether this committee has done anything?

4. On some page, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod and have them bound, and we inquire if this work has been consumated?

5. On page 14, we find that a Committee on the revision of our Beneficiary Education system was appointed and to report at this meeting of Synod?

6. On page 15, we find that a Committee was appointed in the case of Rev. D Efird and others, and we inquire what has been done?

A. L. Crouse,
J. C. Moser,
Henry Darr.

The report was received and laid over for future action. There being no business before Synod, the Theses on the "Fall and rise of Man" were read, and received for discussion.

On motion Synod adjourned till Friday morning.—Prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse. Roll called. Minutes read, received, and adopted.

On motion, Rev. E. P. Parker, of the N. C. Synod, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

On motion the reprinting of our old Church Hymn Book was taken up, and after a free exchange of views, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion the Report on Unfinished Business was taken up, and considered by items.

Item 1. No action necessary.

Item 2. No action taken.

Item 3. Committee discharged.

On motion, a new Committee was appointed to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and report the result of their efforts at the next convention of Synod. Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, L. A. Fox, and Rev. D. Efird.

Item 4 Favorably reported, and Committee continued.

Item 5. Report was read, received, and taken up, and on motion laid on the table.

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

During recess Rev. H. Goodman preached a sermon from 1 Cor. 2, 2.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

Item 6, of Report on Unfinished Business was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COLLECT THE EVIDENCE, PRO AND CON, IN REGARD TO CERTAIN CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST REV. D. EFIRD.

Your Committee appointed to collect the testimony offered, on both sides, in regard to certain charges preferred against Rev. Daniel Efird, a member of this Synod, and report the same to the present convention of this Synod, would submit that, after some preliminary correspondence with both the accusers, and the accused, and being furnished with a written copy of the charges and specifications pre-

ferred against him, and being assured that a copy of the same had been properly served on the said Rev. Daniel Efird, in obedience to a resolution of this Synod, we called and attended a meeting for the purposes designated in our appointment, at St. Peter's (Piney Woods) Church, Lexington Co., S. C., on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of May, 1877, heard and recorded the testimony as we were required to do.

Your Committee, upon considering this very difficult, but, nevertheless, grave and important matter, thought it would be best for all concerned, to have all the witnesses make their statements under a civil oath. And accordingly, all on both sides were publicly qualified by Mr. ——— Counts, Notary Public. The witnesses on both sides were heard and examined, and the substance of the statement made by each one was written down, and publicly read to him, while he was still upon the witness stand; and he was asked whether the statemants then recorded is what he swears in this case—to which every one gave an affirmative answer.

Rev. Daniel Efird, by agreement of both parties, was permitted to present in writing, the principle part of his testimony in his own defense—this he did on oath.

After all the testimony offered on both sides, at that time, had been heard and recorded, the meeting adjourned, *sine die.*

Since then, several copies of additional testimony of affidavits taken by Rev. Daniel Efird, in his own defense, have been forwarded to us, with a statement from him that the original are retained by him, to be presented to this convention of the Synod.

Your Committee having discharged all the portions of this most difficult duty assigned to us by the Synod to the best of our ability; now most respectfully beg leave to complete the work assigned us, by submiting this report in connection with the charges preferred—the evidence collected, and all the papers relating to this case, that have come into our hands, with the sincere hope, and prayer to Almighty God, that in the wisdom of this Synod, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God, this case may be disposed of, in such a manner, that full justice shall be done to all concerned, to the honor and glory of the Great Head of the Church.

A. J. Fox,
A. Costner.

On motion, all the Ministers present were appointed a Committee to investigate the written evidence on the Efird —Chapman, (and others,) case.

The appointed Committee on the State of the Church read their report. The report was laid on the table

Adjourned till Saturday morning. Prayer by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

Friday evening a sermon was preached by Mr. E. L. Lybrand, from Luke 8, 4–8.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened by Rev. J. M. Smith. Roll called.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim of the N. C. Synod being present, and having presented his credentials of election as corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, to this Synod, was received, and took his seat as such among us.

On motion, reading of yesterday's Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the report on the State of the Church was re-committed.

On motion, the Committee on the State of the Church was discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee, to whom this duty was assigned have examined the matter with as much care as time and opportunities have permited us to do, and we must say, that we find it surrounded by many very serious difficulties. Owing to the peculiar situation of our Synod, and also the poorly defined, and unsettled views of the Church at this time, upon this subject. We however beg leave to submit the following:

Formerly our Synod recognized two grades in the Ministry, Deacon and Pastor. This custom, as observed by us, resulted in a two-fold Ordination, in almost all cases, and after some 45 years experience, with this custom, it was abondoned, and the licensure System, as practiced by many other Lutheran Synods, in this country was substituted, and this was in use among us for some 10 or 12 years. But was finally abandoned by a resolution of our last Synod. The first was abandoned, because it was supposed by some that there is no Scriptural warrant for a two fold Ordination as was practiced by us. The latter was abandoned because, it has no Scriptural warrant—is not practiced by the more genuine Lutheran Synods of this country; and is rapidly going into disuse, even among the more lax of our Lutheran Synods. The question now is with us, shall we return to either of our abandoned customs, or adopt some other

one. Our organic law requires a probationary period of at least one year, of all our candidates for the office of the Ministry. The Synods in connection with the General Bodies of our Church, have no difficulty in regard to this matter; because each one of them has a Theological Seminary under their care and direction, in which they generally require their candidates for the ministry to pass a regular pupilage from one to three years; and at the end of that time, they are prepared for ordination. With us, however, the case is very different, as we have no such Institution, in which to prepare our young men. The Church in this country, is in rather a transition state, and the greater portion may at no distant day, adopt a graded ministry embracing, not only the Deacon and Pastor, but the Bishop too. Besides, our Synod may in no very many years, see her way clear to unite with some one of the General Lutheran bodies of this country — In view of all these things, your Committee is of the opinion, that we as a Synod are bearly prepared, at this time, to take any decided action in regard to this matter, and therefore, recommend that a resolution be adopted at this convention of our Synod, advising all candidates for the ministry, who now are under the care of Synod, or who may at any time place themselves under her care, to place themselves under the care of some minister in our connection and prosecute their studies, and labor under his directions until they are prepared for ordination, or until this order is changed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
S. Henkel.

The recommendation in the Report was sustained.

Moved, that the Efird—Chapman, (and others,) case be now heard and considered.

Moved that the President appoint two persons as attorneys to conduct the case.

Appointments, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, on the part of the Plaintiffs, and Rev. P. C. Henkel, on that of the Defendants.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet after recess for the consideration of said case. Benediction by Mr. J. K. Efird.

During recess Rev. J. M. Smith preached from John 8, 29, 30, 31. After which the *pastor loci* administered the Rite of Confirmation to eight persons.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, 2 o'clock.

The members of Synod assembled in private session, and were called to order by the President. Roll called.

Synod proceeded to consider the above named case.—After investigating and considering the two specifications under the first count, and the first specification under the second count being introduced, and the attorney for the plaintiff finding that a paper containing the principal evidence had been lost or misplaced, asked the consent of the attorney for the defence, to enter a *nolle prosequi.*—After some consultation it was granted.

NOLLE PROSEQUI.

COBLE'S CHURCH, Guilford Co., N. C., *November* 12, 1877.

This day by mutual agreement, Rev. A. J. Fox and Rev. P. C. Henkel counsel, in a case in which Col. Geo. H. Chapman and others, against Rev. Daniel Efird, brought before the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in which case serious charges were preferred against the said Daniel Efird, the case being commenced and brought to a certain stage, when we the counsel on both parts by a mutual agreement made and publicly subscribed by each one of the counsel in the presence of the whole number of the members now present, enter a cessation of the prosecution.

A. J. FOX, *Counsel for the Prosecution.*

P. C. HENKEL, *Counsel for the Defendant.*

On motion, the entrance of the *nolle prosequi* was agreed to, by Synod.

The President then arose and delivered a suitable admonition, intermingled with traces of reprimand and prudence.

On motion, Rev. J. C. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Moved to adjourn till Monday morning, 9 o'clock Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON SUNDAY.

A large congregation assembled in the new Church edifice and listened to the dedicatory sermon by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., after which the dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

At the same time a congregation assembled in the old Church, and were addressed by Rev. A. L. Crouse, from Rom. 10, 1, 2, 3.

A recess was given, after which the congregation assembled at the stand in the Grove, and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, from 1 Cor. 11, 26–32.

Confession and absolution were then attended to, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of communicants.

During these lengthy exercises the large assembly was characterized by good order and marked attention.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way, by the Secretary.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report submit the following.

1. That the name of J. W. Hausenfluck be entered on the ministerial roll of our Synod.

2. That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar Committee, to be appointed by the Reformed Church, in reference to joint Church property at Lincolnton, N. C.

3. That we regard no further action on the part of this Synod, in reference to the Concordia High School, at Conover, N. C., as necessary.

4. That Synod put a traveling missionary in the field, as soon as the necessary arrangement can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
M. L. LITTLE,
J. W. EARGLE.

On motion, the Report was received and considered, item by item.

Item 1, sustained and bro. J. W. Hausenflucks' name enrolled.

Item 2, recommendation sustained and Committee appointed. Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson, A. Costner, and Caleb Rhodes.

Item 3, recommendation of Committee sustained.

Item 4, recommendation of Committee sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leaf to submit the following:

Class I. Petitions for Ordination.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from St. John's and St. Peter's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., asking for the examination and ordination of Messrs. J. A. Cromer, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are petitions from Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, Immanuel's and Zion's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C , praying for the examination, ordination and services of candidates, J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand and J. A. Cromer.

Nos. 9 and 10 are petitions from St. Stephen's and Zion's Churches, Catawba Co., N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of candidate, R. A. Yoder.

Class II Petitions for the next Session of Synod.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Matthew's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., asking for the next session of this Synod to convene in said Church.

No. 2 is a petition from Emanuel's Church, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va , of the same import.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va , of similar import.

Class III. Petitions for dismissal.

No. 1 is a petition from Spanish Grove congregation, Forsythe Co., N. C., in which the petitioners asked to be dismissed from this Synod.

Class II. Memorials.

No. 1 is a memorial from Beck's Church, Davidson Co., N. C., in which the memorialists state, that they have been supplied with preaching this year, by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the N. C. Synod.

No. 2 is a memorial from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., in which the memorialist state that they have been faithfully served this year as pastor by Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox.

Class V. Letters to Synod.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Bennick. 1. He gives his reason for non-attendance at this session of Synod. — 2. Assigns his reasons for not raising any Beneficiary Funds this year. 3. He speaks of a petition from St. Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co , Va., asking for the next session of Synod to convene in said Church, and urges that Synod comply with said request.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson, giving his reasons for his non attendance at this session of Synod, and speaks of education and missions.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, in which he states his appointment by the Va. Synod, as Corresponding Dele-

gate to our Synod, and regrets his inability to be with us.—Tenders the fraternal greetings of the Va. Synod to this body, and calls the attention of this Synod to the late action of the General Synod, on the subject of the Richmond Mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In reference to Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, we recommend the examination of brethren J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand, and J. A. Cromer.

2. In reference to Nos. 9 and 10, we recommend that brother R. A. Yoder be examined and ordained.

3. In reference to Class 3rd, No. 1, we recommend that the petioners request be granted.

4. In reference to Class 5th, No. 1, we recommend that Bro. Bennick be excused.

5. In reference to No 2, we recommend that Bro. Peterson be excused.

7. In reference to No. 3, be it

Resolved, That we express our regret that Rev. J. I. Miller, did not find it convenient to be with us.

D. EFIRD.
JACOB EPTING, Sen.

Report was received and acted upon by items.

On motion, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was added to the Committee on examination instead of Rev. T. Moser absent.

Class I.—Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and recommendation postponed for the present.

Items 9 and 10, R. A. Yoder declined being examined.

Class II.—Petitions for Synod.

No. 1. Next meeting be held in St. Matthew Church, Virginia.

It was moved that the next meeting of the Synod be held in St. Matthew Church, Shenandoah Co , Va., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1878.

Class III.—No. 1. Complied with. Rev. P. C. Henkel and N. Townsan voted negatively.

Moved to adjourn till after sermon. During intermission Rev. P. C. Henkel preached from John 3, 5.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod assembled and resumed business.

Report on Letters and Petitions was taken up, considered and finished.

Class V.—No. 1. Rev. J. S. Bennick not excused.

No. 2. Rev. J. R. Peterson excused.

No. 3 Resolution unanimously adopted.

Rev. I. Conder not excused.

Rev. T. Miller excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt excused.

Rev. L. A. Fox excused.

Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as a whole.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Reports on the condition of congregations were now read, being called for by the President.

Synod ajourned with prayer by Rev. M. L. Little.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.—Roll called.

On motion, it was made the duty of the President, verbally, to return to day after divine worship, the most sincere thanks of the members of this Synod to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran publications two copies each.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Corresponding Delegate of the N. C. Synod, conveyed to this Synod in a few pertinent remarks, the fraternal greetings and kindly feelings of the N. C. Synod, and was appropriately replied to by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

The following resolution in reference to the congregations of the late Rev. T. Crouse, was unanimously adopted.

THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE REV. T. CROUSE.

Resolved, That the course pursued and the conduct manifested by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of N. C. Synod, in serving as a supply the congregations left vacant by the

death of the late lamented Rev. T. Crouse, and in connection with this Synod, is commendable, and meets the approbation of this Synod.

On motion, the minutes were received and adopted without reading.

An election of Treasurer for Beneficiary Fund was held, and resulted in the re-election of Rev. T. Moser.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report, have examined these Reports and find them correct.

M. L. LITTLE,
W. A. BECK.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. A. J. FOX,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

1877.		
Nov. 13,	To am't due from former Treasurer, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.,	$73.28
1876.		
Dec. 5,	By am't paid Henkel & Co., for printing, binding and mailing Minutes for 1876,	$56 12
	To balance due Synod by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.	17.16
	To cash on hand collected from congregations for Synodical Treasury, .	$43.30
	To balance due the Synod in cash and accounts,	60.46

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. FOX, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

T. MOSER,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

1877.		Dr.
	To amount on hand,	$3.45
Jan 10,	" " from Rev J. R. Peterson's charge,	50.40
June 19,	" " " Rev. J. M. Smith's charge,	10 55
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. M. L. Little's charge,	50 00
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. T. Mosers charge,	2.60
		$117.00

1877.		Cr.
Jan. 10,	By am't paid R. A. Yoder,	$29.55
May 1,	" " "	61.00
June 19,	" " "	12.00
July 28,	" " "	3.00
Nov. 8,	" " "	11.45
		$117.00

T. MOSER, *Treas. Ben. Fund.*

TREASURER'S AGENT REPORT.

S. Henkel with Rev. T. Moser,
Trasurer of Tenn. Synod Beneficiary Association.

1876.	Dr.
Sept. 30, To balance due on account rendered,	$2.86
1877. Jan. 25, of Mary M. Henkel,	3.15
" Feb. 1, of L. M. Zirkle. Treas. Emanuel Church, New Market, Va.,	12.06
Aug. 14, of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	11.35
" " of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt,	4 82
" " of Rev. I. Conder,	22.00
Sept. 3, of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	4.62
	$60.86
1877. Cr.	
April, By am't paid J. W. Hausenfluck, $15.00	$15.00
	$75.86

S. HENKEL, *Agent of Ben. Treas.*

On motion, the President appointed a Committee of three to prepare rules and regulations for the government of Beneficiaries to report at the next meeting of Synod. Committee, Rev. A. J. Fox, J. M Smith, and Mr. M. L Cline.

On motion, the following Executive Committee on Missions was appointed by the President. Revs. L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and A. L. Crouse.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REV. A. L. YOUNT.

WHEREAS, Rev. A. L. Yount, formerly a Beneficiary, and who had received some $500 or $600 of the Beneficiary funds of this Synod, and who had entered into an obligation to labor within the bounds of this Synod for a term of ten years, has removed to, and taken charge of Lutheran congregation at Murphysboro, Ill., and by this act has laid himself liable to refund the money he has received from this Synod with 6 per cent. interest Be it

Resolved, by this Synod that Rev. A. L. Yount, be hereby notified that he is expected and required to refund as early as possible, all the money he has received with the interest he has obligated himself to pay to this Synod.

Resolution adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned. Closed by Rev. Henkel, D. D.

After recess a sermon was preached by the Secretary from 1 Thes. 5, 17.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations,	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms	Letters,	Deaths,	Expulsions,	Sunday Schools,	Teachers,	Removals,	Synodical.	Ben. Education	Curr'nt Exp'nses	Other Objects,	Mission'ry Fund
A. J. FOX,	1837	2	375	16	...	35	...	18	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
D. EFIRD,	1847	8	1175	58	...	86	...	17	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M. L. LITTLE,	1873	5	824†	80	3	61	12	8	1	...	...	9	$7 00	...	$400 00	...	...
J. M. SMITH,	1856	6	750	103	1	67	...	22	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S. HENKEL,	1850	2	220	22	10	27	3	11	...	1	...	...	3 10	$15 31	...	...	...
J. R. PETERSON,	1843	6	441	10	3	46	...	5	...	...	...	...	18 20	...	450 00	...	...
M. L. FOX,	1871	3	150	17	...	21	...	3	...	1	...	...	2 00	5 00	300 00	...	...
J. C. MOSER,	1873	4	210	5	2	16	1	9	...	1	4	1	...	...	325 00	...	...
A. L. CROUSE,	1871	3	169	11	...	16	2	2	1	3	15	...	3 00	...	210 00	$120	$7 45
J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	347	17	8	22	...	8	...	2	...	...	1 90	...	...	...	...
J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	4	250	25	6	27	...	6	...	1	5	...	2 20	15 97	...	...	...
T. MOSER,	1844	4	200	12	...	17	...	3	...	...	...	...	2 00	...	...	...	...
P. C. HENKEL,*	1843	9	976	2	2	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
I. CONDER,	1861	4	200	9	2	15	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	30 00	...	...	...
J. S. BENNICK,	1866	6	600	60	16	50	...	22	...	2	...	...	6 50	...	...	...	...
L. A. FOX,	1864	1	100	18	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	2 00	5 00	600 00	400 00	...
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,	1876	2	117	6	...	21	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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*From April 1, 1877, to Nov. 8, 1877.

† Taken from the new lists.

STANDING RESOLUTONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requesed, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be request-to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in the future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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TRANSACTIONS

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-seventh annual convention in Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., beginning on Thursday, the 8th day of November, 1877.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of ministers was called, the lay-delegates presented their certificates of election, and their names were enrolled.

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	Rev. H. GOODMAN,	Statesville, N. C.
2	" A. J. FOX,	Lincolnton, "
3.	" T. MILLER,*	Saumsville, Va.
4.	" J. R. PETERSON,*	Dallas, N. C.
5.	" T. MOSER,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
6.	" P. C. HENKEL,‡	Conover, "
7.	" S. HENKEL, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
8.	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
9.	" J. M. SMITH,	Conover, N. C.
10.	" I. CONDER,†	McGaheysville, Va.
11.	" J. N. STIREWALT,*	Stony Man, Va.
12.	" J. S. BENNICK,†	Forestville, "
13.	" M. L. FOX,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
14.	" J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, "
15.	" M. L. LITTLE,	Lincolnton, "
16.	" L. A. FOX,*	Waynesboro', Va.
17.	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
18.	" J. P. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va.
19.	" J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,	Grove Hill, "

* Excused. † Not excused. ‡ Admitted at this meeting.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Carroll Bookman,	Bethlehem, S. C.
J. A. Cromer,	Emanuel, "
D. H. Wheeler,	St. Peter, "
Jacob Epting, Sen.,	St. John, "
M. W. Shealy,	Cedar Grove, "
E. L. Lybrand,	Zion, "
Dr. J. W. Eargle,	Jacob, "
J. J. Wessinger,	St. Thomas, "
R. A. Yoder,	Daniel, N. C.
Michael Coble,	Coble, "
Joseph Crouse,	Beck, "
Jacob Byerly,	Emanuel, "
W. A. Beck,	New Jerusalem, N. C.
Henry Darr,	Pilgrim, N. C.
Col. G. H. Chapman,	St. James, S. C.
G. W. Fox,	Melanchthon, N. C.
Caleb Rhodes,	Salem and Grace, N. C.
N. Townsan,	St. John, St. Paul, St. James, Zion and Piney Grove, N. C.
J. T. Fogleman,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
J. K. Efird,	St. Paul, S C.

The President read his annual Report, which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren in Christ, Jesus:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, be and abide with us.

It is through the beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, sympathize with, counsel, and encourage each other, devise the best and most judicious means for promoting the Gospel, maintaing and perpetuating the sacred and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and entireness, and for the up-building and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, devoutly raising our hearts in gratitude and thankfulness to the great Father of Lights, the Giver of all Good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring Him for a continuance of his blessings.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, have been preserved during the past year, and the deaths of our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The health of our Synod, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

Official Acts.—During the synodical year, we have not been called upon to perform any official acts. The changes, during the year, in our Synod, have been few.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last convention of our Synod, held in St. John's Church, Lexington county, South Carolina, October 5-10, 1876, appointing a committee to examine John W. Hausenfluck, of Shenandoah County, Va., as to his qualifications for the ministerial office, and if found qualified to ordain him to the office of pastor, the said Committee examined him, and he having sustained his examination, was ordained by the imposition of hands and with prayer, according to the rites of the Church, on the 14th day of May, 1876, during a meeting of the Virginia Special Conference of the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened at Solomon's Church, Shenandoah County, Va., May 12-15, 1877.

We recommend, that his name be enrolled among the names of the clergy, in connection with our Synod. His address is Grove Hill, Page Co., Va.

New Church Edifices and Organizations.—A large, commodious Church Edifice, having been erected, in good style, by the congregation of Solomon's Church, near Forestville, Shenandoah County, Va., Rev. J. S. Bennick's charge, to take the place of the old Church building, was dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Solomon's (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 13th day of May, 1877.

Members of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge, Page County, Va., having purchased a Church building, formerly owned and occupied by the German Reformed, refitted and repaired it. A congregation was organized, and the house dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Grace, (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 5th Sunday of July, 1877.

No doubt this new congregation will apply for admittance into our Synod, at this session. If so, it should be received.

We also learn, that an excellent Church edifice has been erected by the Coble Church congregation, Rev. M. L. Fox's

charge, Guilford County, North Carolina, which will be dedicated, during this session of Synod. No other new organization, or Church edifices have been reported to us, during the Synodical year.

VACANCIES.—We are informed, that several congregations made vacant by the death of the lamented Rev. T. Crouse, in Davidson County, N. C., are being temporarily served by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the North Carolina Synod. Some action of Synod may be necessary in regard to these congregations. All our other vacant congregations, we believe, are being temporarily served

CHANGES IN PASTORATES.—St. Paul's Church, Page Co., Va., served by us, St. William's and Fairview, of the same county, served by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, have been formed into a charge, which is now served by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. Zion Church. and St Paul's, I believe, Shenandoah Co., Va., served by Rev. J. S. Bennick, have been added to Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge. The Rochelle congregation, Madison County, Va., formerly served by Rev. J. E. Seneker, is now served by Rev. L. A. Fox.

Several changes have been made also in some of the charges in North Carolina, but we have not been informed as to the precise arrangement.

No doubt, as many of our charges are still too large, and not arranged in the most advantageous and convenient way, further changes would prove profitable to the Church, and convenient to pastors and people. Perhaps, it would be well to continue all judicious efforts, till the charges shall have been arranged to the best advantage.

CHURCH PROPERTY.—We have been informed that the Lutheran Church edifice located in Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C., is now being occupied by some Baptist denomination.

We would recommend, that Synod appoint a suitable Committee, and authorize it to see after our interest in that property, and if there is no prospect of building up a Lutheran congregation there, the property might be sold and the proceeds used to advantage. But if it is thought, that Lincolnton is too important a point to be abandoned, Synod should make it a missionary point, and secure the services of a suitable minister to attend to it. This matter is worthy of the consideration of Synod.

EDUCATION.—We are informed, that the School, established at Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., under Church influence, is in operation. We would commend it to the favorable recognition of Synod, to take such action in regard to it as may be deemed proper. It seems to be a necessity in that section, and will, if properly managed, prove a blessing to the Church.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.—We would recommend, in conclusion, that Synod take some efficient action relative to Home Missionary operations. Perhaps, arrangements could be made to put a Missionary in the field.

May the Great Head of the Church preside over us, during our present meeting, guiding us in the way of truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions may contribute to the honor and glory of God and to the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

Election for Officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following results:

Rev. S. HENKEL, D. D., ... *President.*
" J. PAUL STIREWALT, ... *Record. Secretary.*
" M. L. LITTLE, ... *Cor. Secretary.*
" D. EFIRD, ... *Treasurer.*

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod resumed business.

Letters, papers, and petitions, addressed to Synod were called for, placed on the table, and handed over to the respective Committees.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds T. Moser, M. L. Little and Dr. J. W. Eargle.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds A. L. Crouse, J. C. Moser, and Mr. Henry Darr.

3. *On Examination.*—Rev'ds T. Moser and H. Goodman.

4. *On the State of the Church.*—Mr. C. Bookman, Col. Jos. Crouse, and Rev. M. L. Little.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. D. Efird, Mr. J. Epting, Sen., and Rev. T. Moser.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Associations.*—Rev. J. C. Moser, Col. G. H. Chapman and Mr. W. A. Beck.

On motion the President was added to the Committee on Examination.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Henkel was unanimously received as a member of this Synod.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To N. C. Synod, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. J. C. Moser, *Alternate*.

To S. C. Synod, Rev. M. L. Little, *Principal*, Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Alternate*.

To Holston Synod, Rev. J. M. Smith, *Principal*, Rev. T. Moser, *Alternate*.

To Penn. Synod, Rev. L. A. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., *Alternate*.

To Va. Synod, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, *Principal*, Rev. I. Conder, *Alternate*.

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. We your Committee on unfinished business report that we find on page 8 of last year's minutes, that a committee was appointed to examine and ordain Mr. A. L. Yount, if necessary. We inquire if that committee has discharged its duty?

2. On page 15, we find that a Committe was appointed to submit a plan to meet the requirements of our organic law, requiring some probationary period of one year for our candidates for the ministry, prior to ordination. Is this committee ready to report?

3. On page 12, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and we inquire whether this committee has done anything?

4. On some page, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod and have them bound, and we inquire if this work has been consumated?

5. On page 14, we find that a Committee on the revision of our Beneficiary Education system was appointed and to report at this meeting of Synod?

6. On page 15, we find that a Committee was appointed in the case of Rev. D Efird and others, and we inquire what has been done?

A. L. CROUSE,
J. C. MOSER,
HENRY DARR.

The report was received and laid over for future action. There being no business before Synod, the Theses on the "Fall and rise of Man" were read, and received for discussion.

On motion Synod adjourned till Friday morning.—Prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse. Roll called. Minutes read, received, and adopted.

On motion, Rev. E. P. Parker, of the N. C. Synod, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

On motion the reprinting of our old Church Hymn Book was taken up, and after a free exchange of views, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion the Report on Unfinished Business was taken up, and considered by items.

Item 1. No action necessary.

Item 2. No action taken.

Item 3. Committee discharged.

On motion, a new Committee was appointed to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and report the result of their efforts at the next convention of Synod. Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, L. A. Fox, and Rev. D. Efird.

Item 4 Favorably reported, and Committee continued.

Item 5. Report was read, received, and taken up, and on motion laid on the table.

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

During recess Rev. H. Goodman preached a sermon from 1 Cor. 2, 2.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

Item 6, of Report on Unfinished Business was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COLLECT THE EVIDENCE, PRO AND CON, IN REGARD TO CERTAIN CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST REV. D. EFIRD.

Your Committee appointed to collect the testimony offered, on both sides, in regard to certain charges preferred against Rev. Daniel Efird, a member of this Synod, and report the same to the present convention of this Synod, would submit that, after some preliminary correspondence with both the accusers, and the accused, and being furnished with a written copy of the charges and specifications pre-

ferred against him, and being assured that a copy of the same had been properly served on the said Rev. Daniel Efird, in obedience to a resolution of this Synod, we called and attended a meeting for the purposes designated in our appointment, at St. Peter's (Piney Woods) Church, Lexington Co., S. C., on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of May, 1877, heard and recorded the testimony as we were required to do.

Your Committee, upon considering this very difficult, but, nevertheless, grave and important matter, thought it would be best for all concerned, to have all the witnesses make their statements under a civil oath. And accordingly, all on both sides were publicly qualified by Mr. ——— Counts, Notary Public. The witnesses on both sides were heard and examined, and the substance of the statement made by each one was written down, and publicly read to him, while he was still upon the witness stand; and he was asked whether the statemants then recorded is what he swears in this case—to which every one gave an affirmative answer.

Rev. Daniel Efird, by agreement of both parties, was permitted to present in writing, the principle part of his testimony in his own defense—this he did on oath.

After all the testimony offered on both sides, at that time, had been heard and recorded, the meeting adjourned, *sine die.*

Since then, several copies of additional testimony of affidavits taken by Rev. Daniel Efird, in his own defense, have been forwarded to us, with a statement from him that the original are retained by him, to be presented to this convention of the Synod.

Your Committee having discharged all the portions of this most difficult duty assigned to us by the Synod to the best of our ability; now most respectfully beg leave to complete the work assigned us, by submiting this report in connection with the charges preferred—the evidence collected, and all the papers relating to this case, that have come into our hands, with the sincere hope, and prayer to Almighty God, that in the wisdom of this Synod, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God, this case may be disposed of, in such a manner, that full justice shall be done to all concerned, to the honor and glory of the Great Head of the Church.

A. J. Fox,
A. Costner.

On motion, all the Ministers present were appointed a Committee to investigate the written evidence on the Efird —Chapman, (and others,) case.

The appointed Committee on the State of the Church read their report. The report was laid on the table

Adjourned till Saturday morning. Prayer by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

Friday evening a sermon was preached by Mr. E. L. Lybrand, from Luke 8, 4–8.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened by Rev. J. M. Smith. Roll called.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim of the N. C. Synod being present, and having presented his credentials of election as corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, to this Synod, was received, and took his seat as such among us.

On motion, reading of yesterday's Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the report on the State of the Church was re committed.

On motion, the Committee on the State of the Church was discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee, to whom this duty was assigned have examined the matter with as much care as time and opportunities have permited us to do, and we must say, that we find it surrounded by many very serious difficulties. Owing to the peculiar situation of our Synod, and also the poorly defined, and unsettled views of the Church at this time, upon this subject. We however beg leave to submit the following:

Formerly our Synod recognized two grades in the Ministry, Deacon and Pastor. This custom, as observed by us, resulted in a two-fold Ordination, in almost all cases, and after some 45 years experience, with this custom, it was abondoned, and the licensure System, as practiced by many other Lutheran Synods, in this country was substituted, and this was in use among us for some 10 or 12 years. But was finally abandoned by a resolution of our last Synod. The first was abandoned, because it was supposed by some that there is no Scriptural warrant for a two fold Ordination as was practiced by us. The latter was abandoned because, it has no Scriptural warrant—is not practiced by the more genuine Lutheran Synods of this country; and is rapidly going into disuse, even among the more lax of our Lutheran Synods. The question now is with us, shall we return to either of our abandoned customs, or adopt some other

one. Our organic law requires a probationary period of at least one year, of all our candidates for the office of the Ministry. The Synods in connection with the General Bodies of our Church, have no difficulty in regard to this matter; because each one of them has a Theological Seminary under their care and direction, in which they generally require their candidates for the ministry to pass a regular pupilage from one to three years; and at the end of that time, they are prepared for ordination. With us, however, the case is very different, as we have no such Institution, in which to prepare our young men. The Church in this country, is in rather a transition state, and the greater portion may at no distant day, adopt a graded ministry embracing, not only the Deacon and Pastor, but the Bishop too. Besides, our Synod may in no very many years, see her way clear to unite with some one of the General Lutheran bodies of this country.—In view of all these things, your Committee is of the opinion, that we as a Synod are bearly prepared, at this time, to take any decided action in regard to this matter, and therefore, recommend that a resolution be adopted at this convention of our Synod, advising all candidates for the ministry, who now are under the care of Synod, or who may at any time place themselves under her care, to place themselves under the care of some minister in our connection and prosecute their studies, and labor under his directions until they are prepared for ordination, or until this order is changed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
S. Henkel.

The recommendation in the Report was sustained.

Moved, that the Efird—Chapman, (and others,) case be now heard and considered.

Moved that the President appoint two persons as attorneys to conduct the case.

Appointments, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, on the part of the Plaintiffs, and Rev. P. C. Henkel, on that of the Defendants.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet after recess for the consideration of said case. Benediction by Mr. J. K. Efird.

During recess Rev. J. M. Smith preached from John 8, 29, 30, 31. After which the *pastor loci* administered the Rite of Confirmation to eight persons.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, 2 o'clock.

The members of Synod assembled in private session, and were called to order by the President. Roll called.

Synod proceeded to consider the above named case.—After investigating and considering the two specifications under the first count, and the first specification under the second count being introduced, and the attorney for the plaintiff finding that a paper containing the principal evidence had been lost or misplaced, asked the consent of the attorney for the defence, to enter a *nolle prosequi.*—After some consultation it was granted.

NOLLE PROSEQUI.

COBLE'S CHURCH, Guilford Co., N. C.,
November 12, 1877.

This day by mutual agreement, Rev. A. J. Fox and Rev. P. C. Henkel counsel, in a case in which Col. Geo. H. Chapman and others, against Rev. Daniel Efird, brought before the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in which case serious charges were preferred against the said Daniel Efird, the case being commenced and brought to a certain stage, when we the counsel on both parts by a mutual agreement made and publicly subscribed by each one of the counsel in the presence of the whole number of the members now present, enter a cessation of the prosecution.

A. J. FOX, *Counsel for the Prosecution.*

P. C. HENKEL, *Counsel for the Defendant.*

On motion, the entrance of the *nolle prosequi* was agreed to, by Synod.

The President then arose and delivered a suitable admonition, intermingled with traces of reprimand and prudence.

On motion, Rev. J. C. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Moved to adjourn till Monday morning, 9 o'clock Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON SUNDAY.

A large congregation assembled in the new Church edifice and listened to the dedicatory sermon by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., after which the dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

At the same time a congregation assembled in the old Church, and were addressed by Rev. A. L. Crouse, from Rom. 10, 1, 2, 3.

A recess was given, after which the congregation assembled at the stand in the Grove, and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, from 1 Cor. 11, 26–32.

Confession and absolution were then attended to, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of communicants.

During these lengthy exercises the large assembly was characterized by good order and marked attention.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way, by the Secretary.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report submit the following.

1. That the name of J. W. Hausenfluck be entered on the ministerial roll of our Synod.

2. That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar Committee, to be appointed by the Reformed Church, in reference to joint Church property at Lincolnton, N. C.

3. That we regard no further action on the part of this Synod, in reference to the Concordia High School, at Conover, N. C., as necessary.

4. That Synod put a traveling missionary in the field, as soon as the necessary arrangement can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
M. L. LITTLE,
J. W. EARGLE.

On motion, the Report was received and considered, item by item.

Item 1, sustained and bro. J. W. Hausenflucks' name enrolled.

Item 2, recommendation sustained and Committee appointed. Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson, A. Costner, and Caleb Rhodes.

Item 3, recommendation of Committee sustained.

Item 4, recommendation of Committee sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leaf to submit the following:

Class I. Petitions for Ordination.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from St. John's and St. Peter's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., asking for the examination and ordination of Messrs. J. A. Cromer, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are petitions from Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, Immanuel's and Zion's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C , praying for the examination, ordination and services of candidates, J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand and J. A. Cromer.

Nos. 9 and 10 are petitions from St. Stephen's and Zion's Churches, Catawba Co., N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of candidate, R. A. Yoder.

Class II Petitions for the next Session of Synod.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Matthew's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., asking for the next session of this Synod to convene in said Church.

No. 2 is a petition from Emanuel's Church, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va , of the same import.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va , of similar import.

Class III. Petitions for dismissal.

No. 1 is a petition from Spanish Grove congregation, Forsythe Co., N. C., in which the petitioners asked to be dismissed from this Synod.

Class II. Memorials.

No. 1 is a memorial from Beck's Church, Davidson Co., N. C., in which the memorialists state, that they have been supplied with preaching this year, by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the N. C. Synod.

No. 2 is a memorial from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., in which the memorialist state that they have been faithfully served this year as pastor by Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox.

Class V. Letters to Synod.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Bennick. 1. He gives his reason for non-attendance at this session of Synod. — 2. Assigns his reasons for not raising any Beneficiary Funds this year. 3. He speaks of a petition from St Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co , Va., asking for the next session of Synod to convene in said Church, and urges that Synod comply with said request.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson, giving his reasons for his non attendance at this session of Synod, and speaks of education and missions.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, in which he states his appointment by the Va. Synod, as Corresponding Dele-

gate to our Synod, and regrets his inability to be with us.—Tenders the fraternal greetings of the Va. Synod to this body, and calls the attention of this Synod to the late action of the General Synod, on the subject of the Richmond Mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In reference to Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, we recommend the examination of brethren J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand, and J. A. Cromer.

2. In reference to Nos. 9 and 10, we recommend that brother R. A. Yoder be examined and ordained.

3. In reference to Class 3rd, No. 1, we recommend that the petioners request be granted.

4. In reference to Class 5th, No. 1, we recommend that Bro. Bennick be excused.

5. In reference to No 2, we recommend that Bro. Peterson be excused.

7. In reference to No. 3. be it

Resolved, That we express our regret that Rev. J. I. Miller, did not find it convenient to be with us.

D. EFIRD.
JACOB EPTING, Sen.

Report was received and acted upon by items.

On motion, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was added to the Committee on examination instead of Rev. T. Moser absent.

Class I.—Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and recommendation postponed for the present.

Items 9 and 10, R. A. Yoder declined being examined.

Class II.—Petitions for Synod.

No. 1. Next meeting be held in St. Matthew Church, Virginia.

It was moved that the next meeting of the Synod be held in St. Matthew Church, Shenandoah Co , Va., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1878.

Class III.—No. 1. Complied with. Rev. P. C. Henkel and N. Townsan voted negatively.

Moved to adjourn till after sermon. During intermission Rev. P. C. Henkel preached from John 3, 5.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod assembled and resumed business.

Report on Letters and Petitions was taken up, considered and finished.

Class V.—No. 1. Rev. J. S. Bennick not excused.

No. 2. Rev. J. R. Peterson excused.

No. 3 Resolution unanimously adopted.

Rev. I. Conder not excused.

Rev. T. Miller excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt excused.

Rev. L. A. Fox excused.

Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as a whole.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Reports on the condition of congregations were now read, being called for by the President.

Synod ajourned with prayer by Rev. M. L. Little.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.—Roll called.

On motion, it was made the duty of the President, verbally, to return to day after divine worship, the most sincere thanks of the members of this Synod to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran publications two copies each.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Corresponding Delegate of the N. C. Synod, conveyed to this Synod in a few pertinent remarks, the fraternal greetings and kindly feelings of the N. C. Synod, and was appropriately replied to by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

The following resolution in reference to the congregations of the late Rev. T. Crouse, was unanimously adopted.

THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE REV. T. CROUSE.

Resolved, That the course pursued and the conduct manifested by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of N. C. Synod, in serving as a supply the congregations left vacant by the

death of the late lamented Rev. T. Crouse, and in connection with this Synod, is commendable, and meets the approbation of this Synod.

On motion, the minutes were received and adopted without reading.

An election of Treasurer for Beneficiary Fund was held, and resulted in the re-election of Rev. T. Moser.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report, have examined these Reports and find them correct.

M. L. LITTLE,
W. A. BECK.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. A. J. FOX,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

1877.		
Nov. 13,	To am't due from former Treasurer, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.,	$73.28
1876.		
Dec. 5,	By am't paid Henkel & Co., for printing, binding and mailing Minutes for 1876,	$56 12
	To balance due Synod by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.	17.16
	To cash on hand collected from congregations for Synodical Treasury,	$43.30
	To balance due the Synod in cash and accounts,	60.46

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. FOX, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

T. MOSER,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

		Dr.
1877.		
	To amount on hand,	$3.45
Jan. 10,	" " from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge,	50.40
June 19,	" " " Rev. J. M. Smith's charge,	10 55
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. M. L. Little's charge,	50.00
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. T. Mosers charge,	2.60
		$117.00

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1877.		
Jan. 10,	By am't paid R. A. Yoder,	$29.55
May 1,	" " "	61.00
June 19,	" " "	12.00
July 28,	" " "	3.00
Nov. 8,	" " "	11.45
		$117.00

T. MOSER, *Treas. Ben. Fund.*

TREASURER'S AGENT REP

S. Henkel with Rev. T. Moser,
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" Feb. 1, of L. M. Zirkle, Treas. E
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" " of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt,
" " of Rev. I. Conder,
Sept. 3, of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,

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April, By am't paid J. W. Hausenfluck, $

S. HENKEL, *Age*

On motion, the President appointed a
to prepare rules and regulations for the g
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Rev. A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith, and Mr. M.
On motion, the following Executive
sions was appointed by the President.
C. Henkel, and A. L. Crouse.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REV. A

WHEREAS, Rev. A. B. Yount, form
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Resolved, by this Synod that Rev. A
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early as possible, all the money he has re
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Resolution adopted.
On motion, Synod adjourned to mee
place above mentioned. Closed by Rev.
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EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD held its fifty-seventh annual convention in Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., beginning on Thursday, the 8th day of November, 1877.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of ministers was called, the lay-delegates presented their certificates of election, and their names were enrolled.

MINISTERS.

	Names.	Residences.
1.	Rev. H. GOODMAN,	Statesville, N. C.
2	" A. J. FOX,	Lincolnton, "
3.	" T. MILLER,*	Saumsville, Va.
4.	" J. R. PETERSON,*	Dallas, N. C.
5.	" T. MOSER,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
6.	" P. C. HENKEL,‡	Conover, "
7.	" S. HENKEL, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
8.	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
9.	" J. M. SMITH,	Conover, N. C.
10.	" I. CONDER,†	McGaheysville, Va.
11.	" J. N. STIREWALT,*	Stony Man, Va.
12.	" J. S. BENNICK,†	Forestville, "
13.	" M. L. FOX,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
14.	" J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, "
15.	" M. L. LITTLE,	Lincolnton, "
16.	" L. A. FOX,*	Waynesboro', Va.
17.	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
18.	" J. P. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va.
19.	" J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,	Grove Hill, "

* Excused. † Not excused. ‡ Admitted at this meeting.

LAY-DELEGATES.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Carroll Bookman,	Bethlehem, S. C.
J. A. Cromer,	Emanuel, "
D. H. Wheeler,	St. Peter, "
Jacob Epting, Sen.,	St. John, "
M. W. Shealy,	Cedar Grove, "
E. L. Lybrand,	Zion, "
Dr. J. W. Eargle,	Jacob, "
J. J. Wessinger,	St. Thomas. "
R. A. Yoder,	Daniel, N. C.
Michael Coble,	Coble, "
Joseph Crouse,	Beck, "
Jacob Byerly,	Emanuel, "
W. A. Beck,	New Jerusalem, N. C.
Henry Darr,	Pilgrim, N. C.
Col. G. H. Chapman,	St. James, S. C.
G. W. Fox,	Melanchthon, N. C.
Caleb Rhodes,	Salem and Grace, N. C.
N. Townsan,	St. John, St. Paul, St. James, Zion and Piney Grove, N. C.
J. T. Fogleman,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
J. K. Efird,	St. Paul, S C.

The President read his annual Report, which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Brethren in Christ, Jesus:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, be and abide with us.

It is through the beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, sympathize with, counsel, and encourage each other, devise the best and most judicious means for promoting the Gospel, maintaing and perpetuating the sacred and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and entireness, and for the up-building and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, devoutly raising our hearts in gratitude and thankfulness to the great Father of Lights, the Giver of all Good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring Him for a continuance of his blessings.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, have been preserved during the past year, and the deaths of our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The health of our Synod, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

Official Acts.—During the synodical year, we have not been called upon to perform any official acts. The changes, during the year, in our Synod, have been few.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last convention of our Synod, held in St. John's Church, Lexington county, South Carolina, October 5-10, 1876, appointing a committee to examine John W. Hausenfluck, of Shenandoah County, Va., as to his qualifications for the ministerial office, and if found qualified to ordain him to the office of pastor, the said Committee examined him, and he having sustained his examination, was ordained by the imposition of hands and with prayer, according to the rites of the Church, on the 14th day of May, 1876, during a meeting of the Virginia Special Conference of the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, convened at Solomon's Church, Shenandoah County, Va., May 12-15, 1877.

We recommend, that his name be enrolled among the names of the clergy, in connection with our Synod. His address is Grove Hill, Page Co., Va.

New Church Edifices and Organizations.—A large, commodious Church Edifice, having been erected, in good style, by the congregation of Solomon's Church, near Forestville, Shenandoah County, Va., Rev. J. S. Bennick's charge, to take the place of the old Church building, was dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Solomon's (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 13th day of May, 1877.

Members of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge, Page County, Va., having purchased a Church building, formerly owned and occupied by the German Reformed, refitted and repaired it. A congregation was organized, and the house dedicated to the services of God, under the name and title of Grace, (Evang. Lutheran) Church, on the 5th Sunday of July, 1877.

No doubt this new congregation will apply for admittance into our Synod, at this session. If so, it should be received.

We also learn, that an excellent Church edifice has been erected by the Coble Church congregation, Rev. M. L. Fox's

charge, Guilford County, North Carolina, which will be dedicated, during this session of Synod. No other new organization, or Church edifices have been reported to us, during the Synodical year.

VACANCIES.—We are informed, that several congregations made vacant by the death of the lamented Rev. T. Crouse, in Davidson County, N C., are being temporarily served by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the North Carolina Synod. Some action of Synod may be necessary in regard to these congregations. All our other vacant congregations, we believe, are being temporarily served

CHANGES IN PASTORATES.—St. Paul's Church, Page Co., Va., served by us, St. William's and Fairview, of the same county, served by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, have been formed into a charge, which is now served by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. Zion Church and St Paul's, I believe, Shenandoah Co., Va., served by Rev. J. S. Bennick, have been added to Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge. The Rochelle congregation, Madison County, Va., formerly served by Rev. J E. Seneker, is now served by Rev. L. A. Fox.

Several changes have been made also in some of the charges in North Carolina, but we have not been informed as to the precise arrangement.

No doubt, as many of our charges are still too large, and not arranged in the most advantageous and convenient way, further changes would prove profitable to the Church, and convenient to pastors and people. Perhaps, it would be well to continue all judicious efforts, till the charges shall have been arranged to the best advantage.

CHURCH PROPERTY.—We have been informed that the Lutheran Church edifice located in Lincolnton, Lincoln Co., N. C., is now being occupied by some Baptist denomination.

We would recommend, that Synod appoint a suitable Committee, and authorize it to see after our interest in that property, and if there is no prospect of building up a Lutheran congregation there, the property might be sold and the proceeds used to advantage. But if it is thought, that Lincolnton is too important a point to be abandoned, Synod should make it a missionary point, and secure the services of a suitable minister to attend to it. This matter is worthy of the consideration of Synod.

EDUCATION.—We are informed, that the School, established at Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., under Church influence, is in operation. We would commend it to the favorable recognition of Synod, to take such action in regard to it as may be deemed proper. It seems to be a necessity in that section, and will, if properly managed, prove a blessing to the Church.

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.—We would recommend, in conclusion, that Synod take some efficient action relative to Home Missionary operations. Perhaps, arrangements could be made to put a Missionary in the field.

May the Great Head of the Church preside over us, during our present meeting, guiding us in the way of truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions may contribute to the honor and glory of God and to the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

Election for Officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following results:

Rev. S. HENKEL, D. D., ... *President.*
" J. PAUL STIREWALT, ... *Record. Secretary.*
" M. L. LITTLE, ... *Cor. Secretary.*
" D. EFIRD, ... *Treasurer.*

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod resumed business.

Letters, papers, and petitions, addressed to Synod were called for, placed on the table, and handed over to the respective Committees.

REGULAR COMMITTEES.

1. *On President's Report.*—Rev'ds T. Moser, M. L. Little and Dr. J. W. Eargle.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev'ds A. L. Crouse, J. C. Moser, and Mr. Henry Darr.

3. *On Examination.*—Rev'ds T. Moser and H. Goodman.

4. *On the State of the Church.*—Mr. C. Bookman, Col. Jos. Crouse, and Rev. M. L. Little.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. D. Efird, Mr. J. Epting, Sen., and Rev. T. Moser.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Associations.*—Rev. J. C. Moser, Col. G. H. Chapman and Mr. W. A. Beck.

On motion the President was added to the Committee on Examination.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Henkel was unanimously received as a member of this Synod.

CORRESPONDING DELEGATES TO OTHER SYNODS.

To N. C. Synod, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. J. C. Moser, *Alternate*.

To S. C. Synod, Rev. M. L. Little, *Principal*, Rev. A. L. Crouse, *Alternate*.

To Holston Synod, Rev. J. M. Smith, *Principal*, Rev. T. Moser, *Alternate*.

To Penn. Synod, Rev. L. A. Fox, *Principal*, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., *Alternate*.

To Va. Synod, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, *Principal*, Rev. I. Conder, *Alternate*.

REPORT ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. We your Committee on unfinished business report that we find on page 8 of last year's minutes, that a committee was appointed to examine and ordain Mr. A. L. Yount, if necessary. We inquire if that committee has discharged its duty?

2. On page 15, we find that a Committe was appointed to submit a plan to meet the requirements of our organic law, requiring some probationary period of one year for our candidates for the ministry, prior to ordination. Is this committee ready to report?

3. On page 12, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and we inquire whether this committee has done anything?

4. On some page, we find the continuation of a Committee to collect all the minutes and pamphlets of the different sessions of our Synod and have them bound, and we inquire if this work has been consumated?

5. On page 14, we find that a Committee on the revision of our Beneficiary Education system was appointed and to report at this meeting of Synod?

6. On page 15, we find that a Committee was appointed in the case of Rev. D Efird and others, and we inquire what has been done?

A. L. Crouse,
J. C. Moser,
Henry Darr.

The report was received and laid over for future action. There being no business before Synod, the Theses on the "Fall and rise of Man" were read, and received for discussion.

On motion Synod adjourned till Friday morning.—Prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. A. L. Crouse. Roll called. Minutes read, received, and adopted.

On motion, Rev. E. P. Parker, of the N. C. Synod, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

On motion the reprinting of our old Church Hymn Book was taken up, and after a free exchange of views, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion the Report on Unfinished Business was taken up, and considered by items.

Item 1. No action necessary.

Item 2. No action taken.

Item 3. Committee discharged.

On motion, a new Committee was appointed to collect statistics and material for the history of our Churches and Synod, and report the result of their efforts at the next convention of Synod. Committee, Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, L. A. Fox, and Rev. D. Efird.

Item 4 Favorably reported, and Committee continued.

Item 5. Report was read, received, and taken up, and on motion laid on the table.

On motion Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

During recess Rev. H. Goodman preached a sermon from 1 Cor. 2, 2.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

Item 6, of Report on Unfinished Business was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COLLECT THE EVIDENCE, PRO AND CON, IN REGARD TO CERTAIN CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST REV. D. EFIRD.

Your Committee appointed to collect the testimony offered, on both sides, in regard to certain charges preferred against Rev. Daniel Efird, a member of this Synod, and report the same to the present convention of this Synod, would submit that, after some preliminary correspondence with both the accusers, and the accused, and being furnished with a written copy of the charges and specifications pre-

ferred against him, and being assured that a copy of the same had been properly served on the said Rev. Daniel Efird, in obedience to a resolution of this Synod, we called and attended a meeting for the purposes designated in our appointment, at St. Peter's (Piney Woods) Church, Lexington Co., S. C., on the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of May, 1877, heard and recorded the testimony as we were required to do.

Your Committee, upon considering this very difficult, but, nevertheless, grave and important matter, thought it would be best for all concerned, to have all the witnesses make their statements under a civil oath. And accordingly, all on both sides were publicly qualified by Mr. ——— Counts, Notary Public. The witnesses on both sides were heard and examined, and the substance of the statement made by each one was written down, and publicly read to him, while he was still upon the witness stand; and he was asked whether the statemants then recorded is what he swears in this case—to which every one gave an affirmative answer.

Rev. Daniel Efird, by agreement of both parties, was permitted to present in writing, the principle part of his testimony in his own defense—this he did on oath.

After all the testimony offered on both sides, at that time, had been heard and recorded, the meeting adjourned, *sine die.*

Since then, several copies of additional testimony of affidavits taken by Rev. Daniel Efird, in his own defense, have been forwarded to us, with a statement from him that the original are retained by him, to be presented to this convention of the Synod.

Your Committee having discharged all the portions of this most difficult duty assigned to us by the Synod to the best of our ability; now most respectfully beg leave to complete the work assigned us, by submiting this report in connection with the charges preferred—the evidence collected, and all the papers relating to this case, that have come into our hands, with the sincere hope, and prayer to Almighty God, that in the wisdom of this Synod, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God, this case may be disposed of, in such a manner, that full justice shall be done to all concerned, to the honor and glory of the Great Head of the Church.

A. J. Fox,
A. Costner.

On motion, all the Ministers present were appointed a Committee to investigate the written evidence on the Efird —Chapman, (and others,) case.

The appointed Committee on the State of the Church read their report. The report was laid on the table

Adjourned till Saturday morning. Prayer by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

Friday evening a sermon was preached by Mr. E. L. Lybrand, from Luke 8, 4–8.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened by Rev. J. M. Smith. Roll called.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim of the N. C. Synod being present, and having presented his credentials of election as corresponding delegate from the North Carolina Synod, to this Synod, was received, and took his seat as such among us.

On motion, reading of yesterday's Minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the report on the State of the Church was re-committed.

On motion, the Committee on the State of the Church was discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROBATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee, to whom this duty was assigned have examined the matter with as much care as time and opportunities have permited us to do, and we must say, that we find it surrounded by many very serious difficulties. Owing to the peculiar situation of our Synod, and also the poorly defined, and unsettled views of the Church at this time, upon this subject. We however beg leave to submit the following:

Formerly our Synod recognized two grades in the Ministry, Deacon and Pastor. This custom, as observed by us, resulted in a two-fold Ordination, in almost all cases, and after some 45 years experience, with this custom, it was abondoned, and the licensure System, as practiced by many other Lutheran Synods, in this country was substituted, and this was in use among us for some 10 or 12 years. But was finally abandoned by a resolution of our last Synod. The first was abandoned, because it was supposed by some that there is no Scriptural warrant for a two fold Ordination as was practiced by us. The latter was abandoned because, it has no Scriptural warrant—is not practiced by the more genuine Lutheran Synods of this country; and is rapidly going into disuse, even among the more lax of our Lutheran Synods. The question now is with us, shall we return to either of our abandoned customs, or adopt some other

one. Our organic law requires a probationary period of at least one year, of all our candidates for the office of the Ministry. The Synods in connection with the General Bodies of our Church, have no difficulty in regard to this matter; because each one of them has a Theological Seminary under their care and direction, in which they generally require their candidates for the ministry to pass a regular pupilage from one to three years; and at the end of that time, they are prepared for ordination. With us, however, the case is very different, as we have no such Institution, in which to prepare our young men. The Church in this country, is in rather a transition state, and the greater portion may at no distant day, adopt a graded ministry embracing, not only the Deacon and Pastor, but the Bishop too. Besides, our Synod may in no very many years, see her way clear to unite with some one of the General Lutheran bodies of this country — In view of all these things, your Committee is of the opinion, that we as a Synod are bearly prepared, at this time, to take any decided action in regard to this matter, and therefore, recommend that a resolution be adopted at this convention of our Synod, advising all candidates for the ministry, who now are under the care of Synod, or who may at any time place themselves under her care, to place themselves under the care of some minister in our connection and prosecute their studies, and labor under his directions until they are prepared for ordination, or until this order is changed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Fox,
S. Henkel.

The recommendation in the Report was sustained.

Moved, that the Efird—Chapman, (and others,) case be now heard and considered.

Moved that the President appoint two persons as attorneys to conduct the case.

Appointments, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, on the part of the Plaintiffs, and Rev. P. C. Henkel, on that of the Defendants.

On motion Synod adjourned to meet after recess for the consideration of said case. Benediction by Mr. J. K. Efird.

During recess Rev. J. M. Smith preached from John 8, 29, 30, 31. After which the *pastor loci* administered the Rite of Confirmation to eight persons.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, 2 o'clock.

The members of Synod assembled in private session, and were called to order by the President. Roll called.

Synod proceeded to consider the above named case.—After investigating and considering the two specifications under the first count, and the first specification under the second count being introduced, and the attorney for the plaintiff finding that a paper containing the principal evidence had been lost or misplaced, asked the consent of the attorney for the defence, to enter a *nolle prosequi.*—After some consultation it was granted.

NOLLE PROSEQUI.

COBLE'S CHURCH, Guilford Co., N. C., }
November 12, 1877. }

This day by mutual agreement, Rev. A. J. Fox and Rev. P. C. Henkel counsel, in a case in which Col. Geo. H. Chapman and others, against Rev. Daniel Efird, brought before the Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in which case serious charges were preferred against the said Daniel Efird, the case being commenced and brought to a certain stage, when we the counsel on both parts by a mutual agreement made and publicly subscribed by each one of the counsel in the presence of the whole number of the members now present, enter a cessation of the prosecution.

A. J. FOX, *Counsel for the Prosecution.*

P. C. HENKEL, *Counsel for the Defendant.*

On motion, the entrance of the *nolle prosequi* was agreed to, by Synod.

The President then arose and delivered a suitable admonition, intermingled with traces of reprimand and prudence.

On motion, Rev. J. C. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Moved to adjourn till Monday morning, 9 o'clock Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON SUNDAY.

A large congregation assembled in the new Church edifice and listened to the dedicatory sermon by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., after which the dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

At the same time a congregation assembled in the old Church, and were addressed by Rev. A. L. Crouse, from Rom. 10, 1, 2, 3.

A recess was given, after which the congregation assembled at the stand in the Grove, and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, from 1 Cor. 11, 26–32.

Confession and absolution were then attended to, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a goodly number of communicants.

During these lengthy exercises the large assembly was characterized by good order and marked attention.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way, by the Secretary.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report submit the following.

1. That the name of J. W. Hausenfluck be entered on the ministerial roll of our Synod.

2. That a Committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar Committee, to be appointed by the Reformed Church, in reference to joint Church property at Lincolnton, N. C.

3. That we regard no further action on the part of this Synod, in reference to the Concordia High School, at Conover, N. C., as necessary.

4. That Synod put a traveling missionary in the field, as soon as the necessary arrangement can be made.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
M. L. LITTLE,
J. W. EARGLE.

On motion, the Report was received and considered, item by item.

Item 1, sustained and bro. J. W. Hausenflucks' name enrolled.

Item 2, recommendation sustained and Committee appointed. Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson, A. Costner, and Caleb Rhodes.

Item 3, recommendation of Committee sustained.

Item 4, recommendation of Committee sustained.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leaf to submit the following:

Class I. Petitions for Ordination.

Nos. 1 and 2 are petitions from St. John's and St. Peter's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C., asking for the examination and ordination of Messrs. J. A. Cromer, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are petitions from Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, Cedar Grove, St. Paul's, Immanuel's and Zion's Churches, Lexington Co., S. C , praying for the examination, ordination and services of candidates, J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand and J. A. Cromer.

Nos. 9 and 10 are petitions from St. Stephen's and Zion's Churches, Catawba Co., N. C., praying for the examination and ordination of candidate, R. A. Yoder.

Class II Petitions for the next Session of Synod.

No. 1 is a petition from St. Matthew's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., asking for the next session of this Synod to convene in said Church.

No. 2 is a petition from Emanuel's Church, New Market, Shenandoah Co., Va , of the same import.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co., Va , of similar import.

Class III. Petitions for dismissal.

No. 1 is a petition from Spanish Grove congregation, Forsythe Co., N. C., in which the petitioners asked to be dismissed from this Synod.

Class II. Memorials.

No. 1 is a memorial from Beck's Church, Davidson Co., N. C., in which the memorialists state, that they have been supplied with preaching this year, by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the N. C. Synod.

No. 2 is a memorial from Coble's Church, Guilford Co., N. C., in which the memorialist state that they have been faithfully served this year as pastor by Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox.

Class V. Letters to Synod.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Bennick. 1. He gives his reason for non-attendance at this session of Synod. — 2. Assigns his reasons for not raising any Beneficiary Funds this year. 3. He speaks of a petition from St. Mary's Church, Shenandoah Co , Va., asking for the next session of Synod to convene in said Church, and urges that Synod comply with said request.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson, giving his reasons for his non attendance at this session of Synod, and speaks of education and missions.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. J. I. Miller, in which he states his appointment by the Va. Synod, as Corresponding Dele-

gate to our Synod, and regrets his inability to be with us.—Tenders the fraternal greetings of the Va. Synod to this body, and calls the attention of this Synod to the late action of the General Synod, on the subject of the Richmond Mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. In reference to Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, we recommend the examination of brethren J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand, and J. A. Cromer.

2. In reference to Nos. 9 and 10, we recommend that brother R. A. Yoder be examined and ordained.

3. In reference to Class 3rd, No. 1, we recommend that the petioners request be granted.

4. In reference to Class 5th, No. 1, we recommend that Bro. Bennick be excused.

5. In reference to No 2, we recommend that Bro. Peterson be excused.

7. In reference to No. 3, be it

Resolved, That we express our regret that Rev. J. I. Miller, did not find it convenient to be with us.

D. EFIRD.
JACOB EPTING, Sen.

Report was received and acted upon by items.

On motion, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was added to the Committee on examination instead of Rev. T. Moser absent.

Class I.—Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and recommendation postponed for the present.

Items 9 and 10, R. A. Yoder declined being examined.

Class II.—Petitions for Synod.

No. 1. Next meeting be held in St. Matthew Church, Virginia.

It was moved that the next meeting of the Synod be held in St. Matthew Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1878.

Class III.—No. 1. Complied with. Rev. P. C. Henkel and N. Townsan voted negatively.

Moved to adjourn till after sermon. During intermission Rev. P. C. Henkel preached from John 3, 5.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod assembled and resumed business.

Report on Letters and Petitions was taken up, considered and finished.

Class V.—No. 1. Rev. J. S. Bennick not excused.

No. 2. Rev. J. R. Peterson excused.

No. 3 Resolution unanimously adopted.

Rev. I. Conder not excused.

Rev. T. Miller excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt excused.

Rev. L. A. Fox excused.

Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as a whole.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was granted leave of absence.

Reports on the condition of congregations were now read, being called for by the President.

Synod ajourned with prayer by Rev. M. L. Little.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. H. Goodman.—Roll called.

On motion, it was made the duty of the President, verbally, to return to-day after divine worship, the most sincere thanks of the members of this Synod to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst.

Resolved, That a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod be printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran publications two copies each.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Corresponding Delegate of the N. C. Synod, conveyed to this Synod in a few pertinent remarks, the fraternal greetings and kindly feelings of the N. C. Synod, and was appropriately replied to by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

The following resolution in reference to the congregations of the late Rev. T. Crouse, was unanimously adopted.

THE CONGREGATIONS OF THE REV. T. CROUSE.

Resolved, That the course pursued and the conduct manifested by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of N. C. Synod, in serving as a supply the congregations left vacant by the

death of the late lamented Rev. T. Crouse, and in connection with this Synod, is commendable, and meets the approbation of this Synod.

On motion, the minutes were received and adopted without reading.

An election of Treasurer for Beneficiary Fund was held, and resulted in the re-election of Rev. T. Moser.

The Committee on Treasurer's and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report, have examined these Reports and find them correct.

M. L. LITTLE,
W. A. BECK.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. A. J. FOX,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

1877.		
Nov. 13,	To am't due from former Treasurer, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.,	$73.28
1876.		
Dec. 5,	By am't paid Henkel & Co., for printing, binding and mailing Minutes for 1876,	$56 12
	To balance due Synod by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.	17.16
	To cash on hand collected from congregations for Synodical Treasury,	$43.30
	To balance due the Synod in cash and accounts,	60.46

Respectfully submitted,
A. J. FOX, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

T. MOSER,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

		Dr.
1877.		
	To amount on hand,	$3.45
Jan. 10,	" " from Rev J. R. Peterson's charge,	50.40
June 19,	" " " Rev. J. M. Smith's charge,	10 55
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. M. L. Little's charge,	50.00
Nov. 11,	" " " Rev. T. Mosers charge,	2.60
		$117.00

		Cr.
1877.		
Jan. 10,	By am't paid R. A. Yoder,	$29.55
May 1,	" " "	61.00
June 19,	" " "	12.00
July 23,	" " "	3.00
Nov. 8,	" " "	11.45
		$117.00

T. MOSER, *Treas. Ben. Fund.*

TREASURER'S AGENT REPORT.

S. Henkel with Rev. T. Moser,
Trasurer of Tenn. Synod Beneficiary Association.

1876.	Dr.
Sept. 30, To balance due on account rendered,	$2.86
1877. Jan. 25, of Mary M. Henkel,	3.15
" Feb. 1, of L. M. Zirkle, Treas. Emanuel Church, New Market, Va.,	12.06
Aug. 14, of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	11.35
" " of Rev. J. N. Stirewalt,	4 82
" " of Rev. I. Conder,	22.00
Sept. 3, of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	4.62
	$60.86
1877. Cr.	
April, By am't paid J. W. Hausenfluck, $15.00	$15.00
	$75.86

S. HENKEL, *Agent of Ben. Treas.*

On motion, the President appointed a Committee of three to prepare rules and regulations for the government of Beneficiaries to report at the next meeting of Synod. Committee, Rev. A. J. Fox, J. M. Smith, and Mr. M. L. Cline.

On motion, the following Executive Committee on Missions was appointed by the President. Revs. L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and A. L. Crouse.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO REV. A. L. YOUNT.

WHEREAS, Rev. A. L. Yount, formerly a Beneficiary, and who had received some $500 or $600 of the Beneficiary funds of this Synod, and who had entered into an obligation to labor within the bounds of this Synod for a term of ten years, has removed to, and taken charge of Lutheran congregation at Murphysboro, Ill., and by this act has laid himself liable to refund the money he has received from this Synod with 6 per cent. interest Be it

Resolved, by this Synod that Rev. A. L. Yount, be hereby notified that he is expected and required to refund as early as possible, all the money he has received with the interest he has obligated himself to pay to this Synod.

Resolution adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned. Closed by Rev. Henkel, D. D.

After recess a sermon was preached by the Secretary from 1 Thes. 5, 17.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations,	Communicants,	Confirmations,	Adult Baptisms,	Infant Baptisms	Letters,	Deaths,	Expulsions,	Sunday Schools.	Teachers,	Removals,	Synodical.	Ben. Education	Curr'nt Exp'nses	Other Objects,	Mission'ry Fund
A. J. FOX,	1837	2	375	16	.....	35	...	18	...	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
D. EFIRD,	1847	8	1175	58	.....	86	...	17	...	6	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
M. L. LITTLE,	1873	5	824†	80	3	61	12	8	1	...	...	9	$7 00	.....	$400 00	.....	.....
J. M. SMITH,	1856	6	750	103	1	67	...	22	...	2	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S. HENKEL,	1850	2	220	22	10	27	3	11	...	1	...	.....	3 10	$15 31	.....	.....	.....
J. R. PETERSON,	1843	6	441	10	3	46	...	5	...	...	...	.....	18 20	.....	450 00	.....	.....
M. L. FOX,	1871	3	150	17	.....	21	...	3	...	1	...	.....	2 00	5 00	300 00	.....	.....
J. C. MOSER,	1873	4	210	5	2	16	1	9	...	1	4	1	.....	.....	325 00	.....	.....
A. L. CROUSE,	1871	3	169	11	....	16	2	2	1	3	15	.. ...	3 00	.....	210 00	$120	$7 45
J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	347	17	8	22	...	8	...	2	...	.....	1 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	4	250	25	6	27	...	6	...	1	5	.....	2 20	15 97	.....	.....	.....
T. MOSER,	1844	4	200	12	.....	17	...	3	...	...	...	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
P. C. HENKEL,*	1843	9	976	2	2	55	...	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
I. CONDER,	1861	4	200	9	2	15	...	4	...	1	...	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
J. S. BENNICK,	1866	6	600	60	16	50	...	22	...	2	...	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. A. FOX,	1864	1	100	18	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	.....	2 00	5 00	600 00	400 00	.....
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,	1876	2	117	6	.....	21	1	5	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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*From April 1, 1877, to Nov. 8, 1877.

† Taken from the new lists.

STANDING RESOLUTONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requesed, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be request- to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in the future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

Fifty-Eighth Annual Convention

OF THE

Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod convened in its Fifty-eighth annual session in St. Matthew church, Shenandoah Co., Va., beginning on Thursday, the 29th day of August, 1878.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of Ministers was called, the lay-delegates presented their certificates of election, and their names were enrolled.

Ministers.

		Names.	Residences.
1	Rev.	A. J. Fox	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	"	J. R. Peterson	Dallas, N. C.
3	"	T. Moser *	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
4	"	P. C. Henkel	Conover, "
5	"	S. Henkel, D. D.	New Market, Va.
6	"	D. Efird *	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7	"	J. M. Smith †	Conover, N. C.
8	"	I. Conder	McGaheysville, Va.
9	"	J. N. Stirewalt	Stony Man, Va.
10	"	J. S. Bennick	Forestville, "
11	"	M. L. Fox	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	"	J. C. Moser *	China Grove, "
13	"	M. L. Little *	Lincolnton, "
14	"	L. A. Fox	Waynesboro, Va.
15	"	A. L. Crouse	Summit, S. C
16	"	J. P. Stirewalt	New Market, Va.
17	"	J. W. Hausenfluck	Grove Hill, "
18	"	E. L. Lybrand ‡	Columbia, S. C.
19	"	J. K. Efird ‡	Summit, S. C.
20	"	J. A. Cromer ‡	Columbia, S. C.

* Excused. † Not excused.

‡ Examined and ordained at this meeting.

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
J. K. Efird	St. James, St. Thomas, Cedar Grove, St. Peter, (Metz), St. Paul, S. C.
D. H. Wheeler	St. John, S. C.
E. L. Lybrand	St. Peter or Piny Woods, Bethlehem and Zion, South Carolina.
J. A. Cromer	Jacob and Emanuel, S. C.
N. Townsan	Zion, St. John, Conover, St. Paul, Piny Grove, Hickory, St James, N.C.
Peter Coble	Coble, Melanchthon and Mount Pleasant, North Carolina.
A. G. Henkel	Bethlehem, Va.
W. H. Arehart	St. Jacob, Bethany, Va.
J. F. Miller	Trinity, Va.
Jno. T. Hoake	Grace, "
Henry Schæffer	Morning Star, Va.
Jno. H. Zirkle	St. Mark, Va.
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Jno. J. Hepner	Powder Springs, Va.
C. Miller	St. Paul, Va.
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Samuel Filtzmoyer	St. Mary (Pine), Va.
Geo. Bowman	Solomon, Va.
D. S. Henkel	Emmanuel, Va.
Jno. Lowery	Mt. Zion, Va.

The President read his annual Report, which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren in Christ:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, be and abide with us.

The allwise and merciful Being who transmitted his Kingdom to this world, saw fit to make men his instruments and ministers, to maintain, extend, dispense, and perpetuate it. Some of the interests of this Kingdom can be better promoted by assemblies and taking counsel together.

It is through the beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass another synodical year, safely, and to assemble again for this purpose, in the capacity of a deliberative body, in which we are able to meet each other with fraternal greeting.

It becomes us, then, to devise the best and most judicious means for the object contemplated.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges, and form proper conceptions of the solemn and sacred duties resting upon us as ministers and as an ecclesiastical body. Our hearts should devoutly rise in gratitude and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and implore him to continue his blessings, and to grant us the guidance and aid of the Holy Spirit, in all the relations of life.

The lives of our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, except that of Rev. father Goodman, who departed this life on Jan. 26th, 1878,—Synod will take proper action in regard to it,—have been preserved during the past year, and the deaths of our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The condition of our Synod, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, seems to be in its normal health.

Official Acts.—During the synodical year, we have had no occasion to perform any official act, as president of Synod. There have been no important changes in our Synod, during the year, to require any such acts.

New Churches, &c.—A new church edifice is in process of completion, in Caldwell co., N. C., called Philadelphia, Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge. A new church house, Hickory, Catawba co., N. C., Rev. J. M. Smith's charge, is in process of erection. Arrangements have been made to erect a new church at King's Mountain, a station on the Charlotte and Atlanta Air Line Railroad, Cleveland County, N. C., Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge. A new congregation has been organized, by Rev. P. C. Henkel, at Table Rock, Burk Co., N. C. The congregation of Rader Church, Rockingham County, Va., Rev. J. S. Bennick's charge, are building a new church near Timberville.

Vacancies.—We learn, that are still some vacant congregations within the bounds of our Synod, which are not regularly supplied with the means of grace, and that those left vacant by the death of the lamented T. Crouse, are still being served by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the North Carolina Synod. We would recommend, that Synod make arrangements to supply the vacancies, and that, as the congregations left vacant by the death of Rev. T. Crouse are in rather an abnormal condition, being served by a minister not in connection with the Synod, to which they belong, Rev. C. H. Bernheim be requested to consider the propriety of uniting with the Synod, to which the congregations, which he is serving, belong. No doubt this would be gratifying to these congregations, and contribute much to the best interests of all concerned.

Changes in Pastorates.—As far as our information extends, very few, if any changes, have taken place during this year. No doubt, as many of our charges, are still too large, and not arranged in the most advantageous and convenient way, it would be well to consider the propriety of reducing them, and arranging them in the best and most judicious manner. Our people need more preaching, and our children more thorough instruction. This cannot be accomplished with the present arrangement

of some of our charges. It would evidently prove beneficial to the congregations to have regular, divine services more frequently.

Church Property.—As we are informed, there is church property within the bounds of our Synod, which has been partly abandoned,—as that in Shenandoah County, Va., near Red Banks, that in Stanley County, N. C., and other property, we would recommend, that committees, one in N. C., and one in Va., be appointed to look after such property, to take steps to bring it into requisition in the most profitable manner, and to report the result of their efforts to the next meeting of Synod. Such property should not be too much neglected, but utilized in some way.

Education.—As a school has been established at Conover, Catawba County, N. C., called Concordia High School, under church influence, as a congregational enterprise, perhaps it would be well for Synod to appoint a committee to examine into the propriety of making it a synodical enterprise, if it can be done consistent with the designs and character of the school, and report to next Synod.

Missionary Operations.—The times demand, that our Synod should arouse to missionary work. Much good could be accomplished it that way. There are many places within the bounds of Synod, where missions could be established, that would, in the course of a few years, become self-sustaining. We would, therefore, suggest, if the pecuniary circumstances of the Synod will admit, that active missionary services be, at once, brought into requisition.

May the Great Head of the Church preside over us, during our present meeting, guiding us in the way of truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions may contribute to the honor and glory of God and to the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

Election of Officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following results:

REV. P. C. HENKEL, - - - - *President.*
" L. A. FOX, - - - - - - *Rec. Secretary.*
" DR. A. J. FOX, - - - - *Cor. Secretary.*
" J. PAUL STIREWALT, - - *Treasurer.*

It was moved, that the regular time for meeting during the Sessions of this Convention be 8½ A. M., and 2 P. M.—On motion Synod adjourned till 2 P. M. Benediction by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

During recess Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox preached.

SECOND SESSION.

House called to order by the President. Synod resumed business.

Letters, Papers and Petitions addressed to Synod, were

called for, placed on the table, and handed to the respective Committees.

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. L. Fox, and Mr. N. Townsan.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. K. Efird, and Mr D. H. Wheeler.

3. *On Examination.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., Dr. A. J. Fox, J. N. Stirewalt, and L. A. Fox.

4. *On the State of the Church.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. L. Crouse.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. L. A. Fox and Mr. A. Dodson.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Association.*—Rev. J. S. Bennick, Messrs. D. S. Henkel and M. Filtzmoyer.

The Executive Committee on Missions now handed in the following report:

Report of Executive Committee on Missions.

The Executive Committee of Missions has no official acts to report.—No mission and no funds came into our hands. In response to a call by our Chairman through Our Church Paper, no application has been made for aid. The Committee itself knew of no place of sufficient importance to justify it in assuming the responsibility of commencing operations.

The Synod, however, has not been inactive; most of our pastors have been missionating in places outside of their regular pastorates. Our Conferences have missions under their charge. None of these missions have required pecuniary assistance, and have not fallen under the perview of this Committee.

We believe that there are points at which we might labor successfully, but as this is a new sphere of effort for us as a Synod, those most interested are slow to make application. It is necessary that our pastors be vigilant in this direction. They must find such places and bring them to the attention of Synod.

It is of grave importance that we should concentrate our missionary efforts. While we should not diminish but rather increase such labors as we have hitherto been engaged in, yet all missions demanding pecuniary aid should be put under the control of Synod. When they have been located all must co-operate, heart to heart, and support them most earnestly.

L. A. FOX,
A. L. CROUSE,
P. C. HENKEL.

The report was received.

The Treasurer's Report was received and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

Report of Delegate to the Pennsylvania Synod.

Your delegate to the Pennslyvania Synod could not attend the convention to which he was elected, but addressed to it a letter of fraternal greetings. L. A. FOX.

On motion, Synod adjourned till Friday morning. Prayer by Rev. L. A. Fox.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read, received, and adopted.

On motion, the congregation at Conover, Catawba Co, N. C., was received and the delegate enrolled.

The Committee on the President's Report, being called for, read the following report:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, the Committee upon President's Report, having examined that paper, beg leave to submit the following:

Item 1. In references to "Vacancies," your Committee have no recommendation to make but leave it to Synod to take such steps and make such provisions as its wisdom may suggest.

2. Your Committee have no recommendation to make in regard to change of pastorates, believing that necessary changes can be best made by the parties immediately concerned.

3. We sustain the recommendation of the President to appoint two Committees, one in Virginia and another in North Carolina, to look after Church Property.

4. Your Committee also approve the suggestion of the President concerning Concordia High School, and recommend that a Committee be appointed.

5. In the work of Missions, your Committee concur with the President, and recommend that Synod take immediate steps towards active labor in that direction.

6. Your Committee recommend that a Committee of three be appointed to report suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. H. Goodman.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. FOX,
N. TOWNSEND.

The Report was received, and, on motion, was considered by items.

On motion, Rev. P. Miller, of the Virginia Synod, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Item 1. Passed by for the present.

Item 2. Passed by for the present.

Item 3. This resolution was passed.

"*Resolved* That this matter be referred to the Conferences in connection with this Synod."

Item 4. Adopted, by appointing that Committee, which consists of Revs. J. R Peterson and M. L. Little of N. C., Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. S. Bennick of Virginia.

Item 5. Adopted, and Committee appointed by Synod, as follows: Revs. Dr. M. L. Fox, J. Paul Stirewalt, J. S. Bennick and A. L. Crouse.

Item 6. Passed by for the present. The Report was recommitted.

Item 7. Received and adopted. The Committee was appointed by the house as follows: Revs. P. C. Henkel, Dr. A. J. Fox and J. R. Peterson.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Report on Unfinished Business.

We your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that

1. On page 9, we find the continuation of the Committees to collect all minutes and pamphlets of the different conventions of our Synod and have them bound, and we ask if that committee is ready to report.

2. On page 9, we find that a new committee was appointed to collect statistics and material for the history of our churches and synod, and report the result of their efforts at the next convention of Synod. Our inquiry is, is the Committee prepared to report.

3. On page 12, we find that, in the report of the Committee on the probation of candidates for the ministry, a recommendation that a resolution be adopted, at this convention of our synod, advising all candidates for the ministry, who now are under the care of synod, or who may at any time place themselves under the care of some minister, in our connection, and prosecute their studies, and labor under his directions, until they are prepared for ordination, or until this order is changed, and as the resolution does not appear, from the record, to have been passed, nor the committee discharged, we suggest that some action is necessary.

4. On page 14, we find that it was determined to put a traveling missionary in the field, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, and we ask whether that arrangement cannot now be made and a missionary elected and put to work.

5. On page 14, we find that a Committee was appointed in reference to certain church property in Lincolnton, N. C., and we desire to know what has been done.

6. On page 19, we find the appointment of a Committee of three to prepare rules and regulations for the government of Beneficiaries to report to the next meeting of Synod, and we call for the report.

7. On page 19, we find the following:

Resolved, By this Synod that Rev. A. L. Yount be hereby notified that he is expected and required to refund as early as possible all the money he has received with the interest he has obligated himself to pay to this Synod. We enquire whether Rev. Yount has complied with this requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD,
D. H. WHEELER.

Item 1. Adopted and Committee continued.

Item 2. Adopted.

Report of the Committee to Collect Matter for the History of this Synod.

Your Committee appointed to collect material for the history of this Synod, would most respectfully submit that they have not been able to do much in that way, and supposing, as it does, that there remains but little, if anything more to be done in that way, would most respectfully ask to be discharged.

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
L. A. FOX.

This Report was received, and adopted and the Committee discharged.

Item 3. The Committee not ready to report now.

Item 4. In regard to this item, it was moved to appoint a Committee of three ministers to report a plan for Missionary labors. Committee, Revs. Dr. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and J. S. Bennick.

Item 5. The Committee report slow progress, and were discharged.

Item 6. Postponed till to-morrow morning.

Item 7. Matter deferred till the Report of Committe on Letters and Petitions be heard.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Class I.—Letters.

No. 1 Is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith. He gives as excuse for absence a want of means and an unwillingness to ask his people, who

have been so greatly taxed by the Concordia High School, to bear his expenses. He speaks earnestly of the importance of a Lutheran School in which ministers may be trained. He believes such school is more important now, as being preparatory, missionary effort.

Your committee recommends that he be excused.

No. 2 Is a letter from Rev. D. Efird. He assigns as his reasons for absence from this convention some legal business that demands his personal attention. He calls the attention of Synod to the revision of the Hymn Book and states that 300 or 400 copies have been subscribed for and will be paid for as soon as delivered.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 Is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, asking to be excused for non-attendance.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 4 Is a letter from Rev. M. L. Little, assigning the dangerous illness of his family as the chief reason of his absence.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 Is a letter from Rev. J. C. Moser. He says that he was unable to raise the means of defraying expenses either from his own private funds or from the resources of the church.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 6 Is a letter from Rev. A. L. Yount. He proposes to pay soon the amount he owes Synod. He asks for a definite statement of the amount Synod demands. He says that $50 were received for missionary labors at Monroe.

We recommend that such a statement as he requests, be furnished.

Class II.—Petitions.

No. 1 These are petitions from Cedar Grove, St. Paul, and St. Peter (Metzes) in S. C., praying for the examination and ordination of J. K. Efird to the pastoral office.

No. 2 These are petitions from Bethlehem, Zion, and St John, S. C., praying for the ordination to the pastoral office of E. L. Lybrand.

No. 3 These are petitions from St. Peter (Piney Woods), Emmanuel and St. Jacob, praying for the ordination of J. A. Cromer to the pastoral office.

These brethren are present and we recommend that they be examined.

No. 4 Is a petition from Conover for the ordination of R. A. Yoder. As he is absent we have no recommendation to make.

No. 5 Is a petition from St. James, Summit, Lexington co., S. C., asking that the next convention of Synod be held in their church.

No. 6 Is a petition from New Jerusalem, Davidson co., N. C., praying for the assistance of Synod in securing the pastoral services of some minister of our own Synod.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the North Carolina Conference of this Synod with the earnest request that they make arrangements to supply this Church until they can obtain a regular pastor.

L. A. FOX,
A. DODSON.

Moved to adjourn till 2 P. M. During recess a sermon was preached by Rev. A. L. Crouse.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

The Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions was now considered by items.

Class I.—Nos. 1, 2, and 3, the recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

It was moved that the examination be private. The motion was sustained.

On motion, Rev. L. A. Fox was added to the Committee on Examination.

No. 4. It was moved to appoint a Committee to examine and ordain Mr. R. A. Yoder. Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson and Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox.

In regard to No. 5, it was moved that the next meeting of Synod be held in St. James Church, Summit, Lexington Co., S. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday of November, 1879.

No. 6. The recommendation was sustained.

Rev. V. Stickley, Corresponding Delegate from the North Carolina Synod was received.

Mr. J. S. Koiner, a student of Theology, was made an advisory member.

It was moved to recur to the 2nd item of the report of the Committee on the President's Report. The motion was rejected.

Report of Delegate to North Carolina Synod.

On account of the many other engagements, your Delegate to the Annual Convention of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina could not attend that meeting, but addressed a fraternal letter to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

This Report was received.

Corresponding Delegates to Other Synods.

To N. C. Synod, Rev. P. C. Henkel, Principal; Rev. A. L. Crouse, Alternate.

To Virginia Synod, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D, Principal; Rev. L. A. Fox, Alternate.

At its session in 1877, this Synod appointed Corresponding Delegates to the South Carolina and Holston Synods. These synods have not as yet convened, and hence this Synod did not appoint other delegates at its session in 1878.

On motion, Synod adjourned till Saturday morning.—Prayer by Rev. P. C. Henkel. Rev. J. S. Bennick preached in the evening, at early candle-lighting.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. I Conder. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read, received, and adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Examination and Ordination reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, a committee, appointed to examine Messrs. Eli Lot Lybrand and James Albert Cromer, Columbia, S. C., and Jacob Killian Efird, Summit, S. C., as to their qualifications to bear the office of the ministry, have performed that duty. In our opinion they sustained a very creditable examination. We would, therefore, in virtue of petitions desiring their services, unanimously recommend, that Synod ordain them to the office of pastor, according to the custom of the Church.

S. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
J. N. STIREWALT,
L. A. FOX.

The report was unanimously adopted.

It was moved that the ordination take place on Monday immediately after the sermon, and that Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox preach the ordination sermon.

On motion, it was made the duty of the Examining Committee to perform the ordination.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox read the Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

ARTICLE I.—This Synod shall, from time to time, receive as many Beneficiaries, preparing for the Gospel Ministry, into her connection, as she can procure and collect funds to sustain.

ARTICLE II.—Every applicant for beneficiary aid from this Synod must be subjected to a rigid examination in regard to his Christian character, deportment, designs, talents, and advancements in Literary, or Theological attainments. No one can obtain beneficiary aid from this Synod, unless he is a member of some one of our congregations, in full communion with the same. His moral character and piety must be entirely above reproach, and his talents must, at least, reach mediocrity. He must unqualifiedly receive, and express a willingness to teach, all the doctrines of the entire collection of our Evangelical Lutheran Confessions. He must, at least, have attained to a sufficient amount of literary knowledge, to enable him to enter the Freshman class in regular Colleges. He must furnish satisfactory evidence that he has not, and cannot command, the necessary pecuniary means, to qualify him for the work of the Holy Ministry from his parents, or any other worldly source.

ARTICLE III.—Every minister educated by this Synod shall be held, in honor bound, to labor within the bounds of this Synod, as Pastor, for a term of not less than five years—unless he is excused by a resolution of this Synod, which he must ask for, and obtain before he is at liberty to make arrangements to go elsewhere. He may be excused upon the ground of refunding the money he has received with interest at 6 per cent. or upon any other ground satisfactory to this Synod.

ARTICLE IV.—This Synod should have full control of all her Beneficiaries, in regard to their studies, during the time they are receiving beneficiary aid from her. They must attend such schools as directed by Synod, only, and their studies must be approved by the Synod. They may prosecute their studies in either some college, school or Theological seminary, as per agreement with this Synod, and they must obtain from the President of such Institution, annually, a full report in regard to their conduct, capacity, and advancement in their studies, and forward the same to the President of this Synod, who shall submit it with his report, to the Synod for examination.

ARTICLE V.—Every minister in connection with this Synod is required to take up collections for beneficiary purposes, in each of his congregations, as often in each year as he may deem it expedient, and in whatever manner he and his council may think most prudent, and report the result of the same to the next annual convention of this Synod.

ARTICLE VI.—There shall be elected annually, by this Synod, a receiving and disbursing Agent, who shall discharge the duties of Treasurer, as described in the following Articles of these regulations; and hold his office until his successor shall be elected, or in case of his death, another shall be appointed by the President of Synod to fill the vacancy.

Article VII.—The President of this Synod shall recognize all the Beneficiaries receieved by this Synod, and shall give all orders upon the Treasurer in favor of Beneficiaries to whom appropriations have been made by the Synod. He shall keep a correct account of all orders given by him, and shall annually compare his account with the accounts kept by the Treasurer, and report the result of the same to the Synod. He must annually report to Synod all his other transactions including the number of Beneficiaries, their progress, prospects, and Christian deportment, and anything else he may deem interesting to the Synod. During the periods elapsing between the annual conventions of the Synod, all communications on the subject of beneficiary education, and all applications for aid, must be addressed to the President, and must be laid by him before the annual convention of the Synod.

Article VIII.—The Secretary of this Synod shall record the reports of the President and Treasurer, and in the event of the death or removal of the President, the Secretary shall discharge all the duties of the President in regard to beneficiary operations, until the next Synod shall fill the vacancy.

Article IX.—The Treasurer of the beneficiary funds shall keep a clear and correct account of all moneys, which shall come into his hands; and shall report the same to the annual conventions of the Synod, with all the disbursements he may make, during the previous Synodical year, accompanied with the proper vouchers for each disbursement. He must allow and pay all orders of the President out of the funds in his hands.

Article X.—All moneys collected from congregations, or otherwise, and donations for beneficiary purposes, shall be paid over to the Treasurer; for which he shall be required to give his official receipt, to the parties who may pay them over to him.

Article XI.—From every Beneficiary who receives any funds appropriated to him by this Synod, the Treasurer shall take suitable bonds, made payable to the Treasurer of the beneficiary funds of this Synod, for the full amount of all the funds he shall at any time have received, with interest at 6 per cent. If he, at any time afterwards, shall, without the consent of the Synod, either abandon his studies, or, after completing them, refuse to engage in the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ in connection with this Synod, during the time specified in Article III, or shall for any cause be expelled from this Synod, in either event, the obligation he has entered into for refunding the money he may have received shall immediately become due, and if he should refuse to pay the same, he shall by such refusal, make himself liable to public exposure.

Article XII.—This Synod may receive as many pledges for the subsequent payment of money, for beneficiary purposes as she can procure, but she shall, in no case, make any further appropriations, than she has actual cash in the Treasury; or can at any time make it immediately available when such appropriations are made.

Article XIII.—This Synod shall not at any time receive more Beneficiaries, upon her funds, than she has money to sustain for one year. And no Beneficiary shall receive less than a sufficient amount to enable

him, with proper economy, to prosecute his studies, for the current year. The Synod shall make an estimate of the probable expenses, necessary to sustain her Beneficiaries, and make her appropriations accordingly. The Synod shall not allow anything to her Beneficiaries, beyond the strictest, comfortable, living economy.

ARTICLE XIV.—No Beneficiary of this Synod shall be allowed to continue less than two years in connection with any school, college, or Theological seminary, without the consent of the Synod. And no Beneficiary shall be sustained more than two years, at any Institution of learning, without a special agreement between himself and the Synod.

ARTICLE XV.—These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any convention of this Synod. One day's notice is required to be given, with a written statement of the amendment asked for, by any one who may at any time desire any amendment.

ARTICLE XVI.—All rules and regulations heretofore adopted by this Synod, in regard to beneficiary education, are hereby rescinded from the adoption of these regulations.

A. J. FOX,
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

Probationary Regulations.

To meet the requirements of the Constitution of Synod, that all candidates for the ministry be held in a state of probation for not less than one year, and to direct the studies of such students as pursue their studies under private instruction, the following regulations are adopted:

I. Every such candidate shall be placed under the care of some pastor in connection with this Synod, under whose direction such student shall pursue his studies not less than two years.

II. The pastor under whose care any student may be placed shall assign to such student any labor for which he may be found qualified.

III. Synod shall prescribe the course of study to be pursued by each student.

IV. The following text-books shall be used, viz.: Kurtz's Church and Sacred History, Horn's Introduction, Hutter's Compend, Knott's Theology, Book of Concord, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Schmidt's Dogmatics, Mann's Schmidt's Christian Ethics, Vinet's Homiletics, Vinet's Pastoral Theology. Instruction shall also be given in Liturgies, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

V. There shall be a committee of examination, appointed at each annual meeting of Synod, before which every student shall be required to appear for examination at, or shortly before each convention of Synod. It shall be the duty of the committee of examination to report to Synod the progress made in his studies by each student.

A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON,
S. HENKEL.

The Report was received as amended and unanimously adopted.

IN MEMORY OF

REV. H. GOODMAN.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove Rev. Henry Goodman from his labors on earth to his reward in heaven,

Resolved 1. That in the death of Father Goodman, the Church has lost an earnest, faithful, and zealous laborer in his Master's vineyard;

Resolved 2. That we bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well;

Resolved 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to "OUR CHURCH PAPER" for publication;

Resolved 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased family.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted by all the members of Synod standing in profound silence for a few minutes.

It was moved to appoint a committee of two ministers to prepare a biographical sketch of Rev. H. Goodman, to occupy not more than two pages, to be appended to these minutes. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Henkel was added.

The Secretary now read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

D. EFIRD

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1877.					Dr.
Nov. 8,	To cash from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge				$18 20
"	"	"	" L. M. Little's "		7 00
"	"	"	" J. M. Smith's "		6 90
"	"	"	Salem Church, N. C.		2 00
"	"	"	Grace Church, "		2 00
Nov. 10,	"	"	Rev. P. C. Henkel		2 00
"	"	"	" J. P. Stirewalt		2 20
"	"	"	" D. Efird's charge		7 10
"	"	"	New Jerusalem Church, N. C.		1 20
"	"	"	Beck's Church, N. C.		1 20
"	"	"	Emmanuel " "		40
"	"	"	Pilgrim " "		1 00
"	"	"	Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox		2 00
Nov. 13,	"	"	" J P. Stirewalt		8 05
"	"	"	Former Treasurer		43 30
"	Account on Rev. Dr. S. Henkel from former Treasurer				17 16
					$121 71

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Nov. 13,	By Cash to Henkel & Co., on Acc't for printing Minutes of 1877	$33 05
"	By account to Henkel & Co., on Acc't for printing Minutes of 1877	17 16
1878.		
Aug. 21,	By Cash on hand	71 50
		$121 71

Respectfully submitted,

D. EFIRD,

TREAS. EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 2 P. M., with prayer by the President.

During recess Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., preached.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

Report on Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Association.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report, beg leave to say, that from the data furnished us we find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK,
D. S. HENKEL,
M. FILTZMOYER.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, find neither receipts nor disbursements and hence have no report to make.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK,
D. S. HENKEL,
M. FILTZMOYER.

Rev. T. Miller's Request for Dismission.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TENNESSEE, I ask for a certificate of dismission from this body to the Evan. Luth. Synod of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MILLER.

Rev. T. Miller's request for honorable dismission from this body to unite with the Va. Synod was granted.

Rev. V. Stickly conveyed to this Synod the fraternal greetings of the N. C. Synod, and was replied to in a few pertinent remarks by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The publication of a new edition of our old church Hymn Book, in a revised form, has been brought before Synod on different occasions, and to place the Synod properly before the public, and as many of the congregaiions still use the old book; be it,

Resolved, That Synod has no objection to the publication of such book, as an individual enterprise, and that such congregations as desire it, have a right, according to the Augsburg Confession, to use it.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion, it was made the duty of the President, verbally, to return, to-morrow after divine worship, the most sincere thanks of the members of this Synod to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community

for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst.

On motion, Synod adjourned till Monday morning, with prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

Religious Services on Saturday Evening and Sunday.

On Saturday evening, at early candlelighting, Rev. J. K. Efird preached.

At the same time Rev. I Conder preached in St. John's (Reformed) Chapel.

A large congregation assembled on Sunday morning and listened to a sermon delivered by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

A recess was given, after which the congregation assembled and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

Confession and absolution were then attended to, by the Pastor, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants.

On Sunday evening, at early candlelighting, Rev. V. Stickly preached. At the same time Rev. A. L. Crouse preached in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, at Tom's Brook Station.

During these lengthy exercises the large assembly was characterized by good order and marked attention.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY morning, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way, by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. House called to order by the President. Minutes of Saturday read, received and adopted.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to the E. L. Virginia Synod.

As your delegate to the E. L. Virginia Synod, I have only to say, that on account of unavoidable circumstances, I did not attend the last convention of that Synod. I am therefore, without any knowledge of their condition or their progress in the great work of the salvation of souls.

Very respectfully,

J. N. STIREWALT

It was moved to reconsider No. 6 of Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions The motion was lost.

On motion, the resolution previously adopted was reconsidered, and resulted in the adoption of the following substitute:

WHEREAS, The publication of our old Hymn Book, the church Hymn Book, in a revised form, has been brought before Synod, at different times, and as the book is still extensively used in our Synod, and there is a desire to continue its use in some of our congregations, and as Synod has no funds, at this time, to invest in the publication of that work; be it,

Resolved, Therefore, that such publication, under the circumstances, is a matter for consideration on the part of the proprietors only of the work in making arrangements for its revision and publication, if deemed desirable and expedient, under such regulations as may be thought most judicious.

On motion a Committee. consisting of six ministers, two from Virginia, two from North Carolina, and two from South Carolina, on examination was appointed as follows:

Revs. S. Henkel, L. A. Fox, J. M. Smith, M. L. Little, D. Efird and A L. Crouse.

It was moved that the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the minutes of this convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran publications two copies each.

On motion, an executive committee on Missions, consisting of three ministers, was appointed as follows:

Revs. L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel and J. R. Peterson.

It was moved to elect a Treasurer for the Beneficiary Association.

Rev. T. Moser was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Association

It was moved to dispense with the reading of the Parochial Report in Synod.

On motion, the theses on the Rise and Fall of man will be discussed at the next convention of the Synod.

The President called for the report of the ministers in regard to the standing resolutions on last page of minutes.

The ministers reported variously as to their operations and results, but there were sufficient to give evidence that the requirement of the resolutions are being observed.

It was made the duty of Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., to confer with Mr. J. W. Norman, our former Beneficiary, as to whether he will prosecute his studies with a view of entering the ministry in connection with this Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the body be expressed to the B. & O., W. C. V. M. & G. S., C. & O., C. C. & A. R. R., for favors done us in coming and returning to this convention.

On motion, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was made Chairman of the executive committee on Missions.

On motion, Synod adjourned till after divine service with prayer by the President.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Synod assembled and resumed business. The minutes of this convention were of Synod finally approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned. Closed by Rev. T. Miller.

L. A. FOX,
Secretary.

ORDINATION SERVICES.

According to previous arrangement the ordination of Messrs. Eli Lot Lybrand and James Albert Cromer, Columbia, S. C., and Jacob Killian Efird, Summit, S. C., took place. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox preached the ordination sermon to a large and attentive congregation. After which, these three young men were solemnly ordained to the office of Pastor by the imposition of hands and prayer, by the examining committee.

Thus ended the pleasant, and we confidently hope profitable transaction and exercises of the Fifty eight annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

L. A. FOX,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Removals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.	Missionary Fund.
1. Rev. Dr. A. J. FOX	1837	3	410	1	1	23	...	14	...	2	...	...	$4 00	...	...	...	...
2. " M. L. LITTLE	1873	5	840	31	65	66	2	7	1	...	...	...	9 00	...	...	...	...
3. " J. M. SMITH	1856	6	775	29	1	56	..	19	...	4	...	...	5 60	...	...	...	...
4. " S. HENKEL, D. D	1850	2	220	22	10	27	3	11	...	1	16	...	3 10	$15 31	...	...	...
5. " J. R. PETERSON	1843	5	452	15	....	22	...	5	...	...	...	...	5 00	...	$450 00	...	...
6. " Dr. M. L. FOX	1871	3	150	....	1	16	...	1	...	...	...	...	1 60	...	...	...	...
7. " J. C. MOSER	1873	4	225	4	2	17	...	2	...	3	7	...	2 00	...	320 00	...	...
8. " A. L. CROUSE	1871	3	178	6	...	13	3	...	...	2	8	...	1 70	...	210 00	$ 20 00	...
9. " J. N. STIREWALT	1871	4	347	....	2	17	...	6	1	3	25	1	2 20	...	...	...	...
10. " J. P. STIREWALT	1873	4	270	5	4	16	...	3	...	1	6	...	3 30	...	...	...	...
11. " T. MOSER	1844	4	150	10	2	15	...	...	...	2	...	...	2 50	...	...	...	...
12. " P. C. HENKEL	1843	9	1082	...	4	80	...	25	...	...	...	...	4 40	...	...	...	...
13. " I. CONDER	1861	4	200	3	....	11	...	2	...	2	...	1	50	...	250 00	...	...
14. " J. S. BENNICK	1866	6	630	45	9	45	7	20	...	2	...	...	6 50	20 00	...	...	...
15. " L. A. FOX	1864	1	101	6	2	12	4	5	4	1	16	...	...	10 00	500 00	150 00	$6 00
16. " J. W. HAUSENFLUCK	1876	2	124	1	....	2	...	3	...	1	8	...	...	2 53	...	...	...
Total		65	6154	178	103	438	19	123	6	26	86	2	$51 40	$47 84	$1,700	$170 00	$6 00

IN MEMORIAM.*

REV. HENRY GOODMAN.

THE SUBJECT of this notice was the son of Michael and Elizabeth Goodman (Guthmann) born April 9th, 1798, was baptized in infancy, and in the year 1819, entered into full communion with the Ev. Luth. Church, by the imposition of hands and prayer, by Rev. Daniel Scherer, at St. John's church, Cabarras county, N. C.

He was intermarried with Esther Faggart, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Faggart, July 20th, 1819, by whom he had 14 children, 7 sons and 7 daughters; 2 sons and 3 daughters are still living. He had 57 grand children, of whom 50 are living, and 9 great grand children, of whom 8 are living.

He was licensed to preach by Revs. Daniel Moser and David Henkel, on the 29th of Nov., 1830, and preached his first sermon on the 19th of Dec., following, at his uncle, George Goodman's in Cabarras County, N. C.

He was ordained Deacon, by Revs. Philip Henkel, Adam Miller, and Daniel Moser, in Buhler's Church, Sulivan Co., Tenn., Sept. 13th, 1832.

During the whole of his ministry, as also before entering the ministry, he labored faithfully in defence of the pure Confessions of the Ev. Lutheran Church; often, especially in the early struggles of the Ev. Lutheran Tenn. Synod for the pure faith of the church of the Reformation, sacrificing much time as well as other means, to forward the work in this great crisis.

And even after the decision was made by his physician, that it was unsafe for him to venture from home, he traveled with the writer of this notice to a number of places, as

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* After waiting a reasonable length of time, we wrote to the Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare a biographical notice of Rev. H. Goodman, and he replied that the Committee had not met, and hence, we should insert the article which appeared in OUR CHURCH PAPER, in regard to his death, as it here appears.

SECRETARY.

he said, "to hear preaching, and to test the fact as to whether he might venture out by himself." So anxious was he, to be found at his post, that only seven days before his death, in an interview with the writer of this, he said, "I have been blessed with a good constitution, and if I should recover, so as to be able to labor any, I will cheerfully do what I can," but then adding, "my race is about run, and I would be glad to soon depart." He then said, "I am glad you come to see me, for after you leave me this time, you will not see me alive in this world any more, for I am assured my days on earth are about at an end, and I may go at any minute, but this gives me no trouble at all." He was too feeble to talk much at a time, but was greatly blessed in having his proper mind and memory to the last, and resting securely upon the gracious promises contained in God's Word.

In the above interview, the writer of this quoted many passages of Scripture, and briefly commented on the same, to which he attentively listened, and would frequently say, "that is another meal for the soul; the soul needs food as well as the body, and though it be repeated ever so often, it still remains the same substantial food."

Thus another faithful, and aged minister of Christ, came to his last retreat, full of piety, and full of days: "as a shock of corn, ripe with age, and laden with plenty, cometh in, in his season." Job 5: 29.

How calm was the evening of his life! When his flesh and his heart failed, how reviving was the remembrance of an all sufficient Redeemer; once dying for our sins, now risen again for our justification: How cheering the well grounded hope of pardon for our transgressions, and peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. This assuages the agonies, and sweetens the bitterness of death.

When death comes what can all the golden mountains of wealth bestow! A well grounded hope in Christ surmounts everything else; but, alas! how few make this the all important consideration.

He preached his last sermon, on the 4th Sunday of Nov., 1877, in Sharon Church, Iredell Co., N. C., from 1 John 5: 7, 8.

The subject of the above notice died at his late residence in Iredell county, N. C., on the morning of the 26th of Jan-

uary, 1878; aged 79 years, 9 months, and 17 days; his consort having been called to her reward Oct. 17th, 1876; aged 74 years, 8 months, and 22 days.

His perishable remains were deposited in the Cemetery at St. Martin's Church, Iredell County, N. C., on the next day after his departure from this life; and notwithstanding the day was very rainy, a large concourse of people assembled to take a last view, and to sympathize with the many relatives, whose faces were bathed in tears, but in hopeful resignation to the will of Him who had taken His faithful servant *home*.

After the burial service ended, the many relatives and friends of the deceased repaired to the Church, to hear the funeral sermon which was based on 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8, and delivered by the Pastor of the congregation.

P. C. HENKEL.

Standing Resolutions.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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On page 5, first line of second paragraph from bottom, for "we learn that are still," &c., read "we learn, that there are still," &c.

On page 6, second line of third paragraph, for "much good could be accomplished it that way," read "in that way."

On page 12 immediately after No. 6, the following motion should occur, "In regard to Rev. A. L. Yount: It was moved that the $50 which he received for missionary labors at Monroe, N. C., be allowed and the interest to Aug. 30, 1878, be abated, and that a definite statement of the amount Synod demands be furnished." This motion was sustained.

The Resolution on page 19, in regard to the revision of our old Church Hymn Book, is the Substitute which was adopted, instead of the Resolution on page 21.

The following appointment, should appear on page 21 just after the election of Rev. T. Moser, Treasurer of Beneficiary Association: "Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed to write the History of the Tennessee Synod during the first fifty years of its existence."

On page 21, line 6 from bottom, for "but there were sufficient," &c., read "but these were sufficient," &c.

On page 22, line 2nd, for "the body," read "this body."

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Rev. J. N. STIREWALT, Rev. L. A. FOX.

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TRANSACTIONS

OF THE

Fifty-Eighth Annual Convention

OF THE

Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod convened in its Fifty-eighth annual session in St. Matthew church, Shenandoah Co., Va., beginning on Thursday, the 29th day of August, 1878.

Synod was opened by the President in the usual form, the roll of Ministers was called, the lay-delegates presented their certificates of election, and their names were enrolled.

Ministers.

	Names.	Residences.
1	Rev. A. J. Fox	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" J. R. Peterson	Dallas, N. C.
3	" T. Moser *	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
4	" P. C. Henkel	Conover, "
5	" S. Henkel, D. D	New Market, Va.
6	" D. Efird *	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7	" J. M. Smith †	Conover, N. C.
8	" I. Conder	McGaheysville, Va.
9	" J. N. Stirewalt	Stony Man, Va.
10	" J. S. Bennick	Forestville, "
11	" M. L. Fox	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	" J. C. Moser *	China Grove, "
13	" M. L. Little *	Lincolnton, "
14	" L. A. Fox	Waynesboro, Va.
15	" A. L. Crouse	Summit, S. C
16	" J. P. Stirewalt	New Market, Va.
17	" J. W. Hausenfluck	Grove Hill, "
18	" E. L. Lybrand ‡	Columbia, S. C.
19	" J. K. Efird ‡	Summit, S. C.
20	" J. A. Cromer ‡	Columbia, S. C.

* Excused. † Not excused.

‡ Examined and ordained at this meeting.

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
J. K. Efird	St. James, St. Thomas, Cedar Grove, St. Peter, (Metz), St. Paul, S. C.
D. H. Wheeler	St. Johh, S. C.
E. L. Lybrand	St. Peter or Piny Woods, Bethlehem and Zion, South Carolina.
J. A. Cromer	Jacob and Emanuel, S. C.
N. Townsan	Zion, St. John, Conover, St. Paul, Piny Grove, Hickory, St James, N.C.
Peter Coble	Coble, Melanchthon and Mount Pleasant, North Carolina.
A. G. Henkel	Bethlehem, Va.
W. H. Arehart	St. Jacob, Bethany, Va.
J. F. Miller	Trinity, Va.
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Henry Schæffer	Morning Star, Va.
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A. Dodson	St. Jacob, "
Capt. Jno. E. Towns	St. Matthew, "
J. G. Fellers	St. Paul, "
Jos. H. Stickley	Zion, "
Jno. J. Hepner	Powder Springs, Va.
C. Miller	St. Paul, Va.
M. Filtzmoyer	Rader, "
Samuel Filtzmoyer	St. Mary (Pine), Va.
Geo. Bowman	Solomon, Va.
D. S. Henkel	Emmanuel, Va.
Jno. Lowery	Mt. Zion, Va.

The President read his annual Report, which was received, to be referred to the proper Committee.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren in Christ:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, be and abide with us.

The allwise and merciful Being who transmitted his Kingdom to this world, saw fit to make men his instruments and ministers, to maintain, extend, dispense, and perpetuate it. Some of the interests of this Kingdom can be better promoted by assemblies and taking counsel together.

It is through the beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass another synodical year, safely, and to assemble again for this purpose, in the capacity of a deliberative body, in which we are able to meet each other with fraternal greeting.

It becomes us, then, to devise the best and most judicious means for the object contemplated.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges, and form proper conceptions of the solemn and sacred duties resting upon us as ministers and as an ecclesiastical body. Our hearts should devoutly rise in gratitude and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and implore him to continue his blessings, and to grant us the guidance and aid of the Holy Spirit, in all the relations of life.

The lives of our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, except that of Rev. father Goodman, who departed this life on Jan. 26th, 1878,—Synod will take proper action in regard to it,—have been preserved during the past year, and the deaths of our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The condition of our Synod, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, seems to be in its normal health.

Official Acts.—During the synodical year, we have had no occasion to perform any official act, as president of Synod. There have been no important changes in our Synod, during the year, to require any such acts.

New Churches, &c.—A new church edifice is in process of completion, in Caldwell co., N. C., called Philadelphia, Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge. A new church house, Hickory, Catawba co., N. C., Rev. J. M. Smith's charge, is in process of erection. Arrangements have been made to erect a new church at King's Mountain, a station on the Charlotte and Atlanta Air Line Railroad, Cleveland County, N. C., Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge. A new congregation has been organized, by Rev. P. C. Henkel, at Table Rock, Burk Co., N. C. The congregation of Rader Church, Rockingham County, Va., Rev. J. S. Bennick's charge, are building a new church near Timberville.

Vacancies.—We learn, that are still some vacant congregations within the bounds of our Synod, which are not regularly supplied with the means of grace, and that those left vacant by the death of the lamented T. Crouse, are still being served by Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the North Carolina Synod. We would recommend, that Synod make arrangements to supply the vacancies, and that, as the congregations left vacant by the death of Rev. T. Crouse are in rather an abnormal condition, being served by a minister not in connection with the Synod, to which they belong, Rev. C. H. Bernheim be requested to consider the propriety of uniting with the Synod, to which the congregations, which he is serving, belong. No doubt this would be gratifying to these congregations, and contribute much to the best interests of all concerned.

Changes in Pastorates.—As far as our information extends, very few, if any changes, have taken place during this year. No doubt, as many of our charges, are still too large, and not arranged in the most advantageous and convenient way, it would be well to consider the propriety of reducing them, and arranging them in the best and most judicious manner. Our people need more preaching, and our children more thorough instruction. This cannot be accomplished with the present arrangement

of some of our charges. It would evidently prove beneficial to the congregations to have regular, divine services more frequently.

Church Property.—As we are informed, there is church property within the bounds of our Synod, which has been partly abandoned,—as that in Shenandoah County, Va., near Red Banks, that in Stanley County, N. C., and other property, we would recommend, that committees, one in N. C., and one in Va., be appointed to look after such property, to take steps to bring it into requisition in the most profitable manner, and to report the result of their efforts to the next meeting of Synod. Such property should not be too much neglected, but utilized in some way.

Education.—As a school has been established at Conover, Catawba County, N. C., called Concordia High School, under church influence, as a congregational enterprise, perhaps it would be well for Synod to appoint a committee to examine into the propriety of making it a synodical enterprise, if it can be done consistent with the designs and character of the school, and report to next Synod.

Missionary Operations.—The times demand, that our Synod should arouse to missionary work. Much good could be accomplished it that way. There are many places within the bounds of Synod, where missions could be established, that would, in the course of a few years, become self-sustaining. We would, therefore, suggest, if the pecuniary circumstances of the Synod will admit, that active missionary services be, at once, brought into requisition.

May the Great Head of the Church preside over us, during our present meeting, guiding us in the way of truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions may contribute to the honor and glory of God and to the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

Election of Officers for the ensuing year was held, with the following results:

REV. P. C. HENKEL, - - - - *President.*
" L. A. FOX, - - - - - - *Rec. Secretary.*
" DR. A. J. FOX, - - - - *Cor. Secretary.*
" J. PAUL STIREWALT, - - *Treasurer.*

It was moved, that the regular time for meeting during the Sessions of this Convention be 8½ A. M., and 2 P. M.—On motion Synod adjourned till 2 P. M. Benediction by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

During recess Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox preached.

SECOND SESSION.

House called to order by the President. Synod resumed business.

Letters, Papers and Petitions addressed to Synod, were

called for, placed on the table, and handed to the respective Committees.

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, M. L. Fox, and Mr. N. Townsan.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. K. Efird, and Mr D. H. Wheeler.

3. *On Examination.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., Dr. A. J. Fox, J. N. Stirewalt, and L. A. Fox.

4. *On the State of the Church.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. L. Crouse.

5. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Rev. L. A. Fox and Mr. A. Dodson.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Association.*—Rev. J. S. Bennick, Messrs. D. S. Henkel and M. Filtzmoyer.

The Executive Committee on Missions now handed in the following report:

Report of Executive Committee on Missions.

The Executive Committee of Missions has no official acts to report.—No mission and no funds came into our hands. In response to a call by our Chairman through Our Church Paper, no application has been made for aid. The Committee itself knew of no place of sufficient importance to justify it in assuming the responsibility of commencing operations.

The Synod, however, has not been inactive; most of our pastors have been missionating in places outside of their regular pastorates. Our Conferences have missions under their charge. None of these missions have required pecuniary assistance, and have not fallen under the perview of this Committee.

We believe that there are points at which we might labor successfully, but as this is a new sphere of effort for us as a Synod, those most interested are slow to make application. It is necessary that our pastors be vigilant in this direction. They must find such places and bring them to the attention of Synod.

It is of grave importance that we should concentrate our missionary efforts. While we should not diminish but rather increase such labors as we have hitherto been engaged in, yet all missions demanding pecuniary aid should be put under the control of Synod. When they have been located all must co-operate, heart to heart, and support them most earnestly.

L. A. FOX,
A. L. CROUSE,
P. C. HENKEL.

The report was received.

The Treasurer's Report was received and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

Report of Delegate to the Pennsylvania Synod.

Your delegate to the Pennslyvania Synod could not attend the convention to which he was elected, but addressed to it a letter of fraternal greetings. L. A. FOX.

On motion, Synod adjourned till Friday morning. Prayer by Rev. L. A. Fox.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read, received, and adopted.

On motion, the congregation at Conover, Catawba Co, N. C., was received and the delegate enrolled.

The Committee on the President's Report, being called for, read the following report:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We, the Committee upon President's Report, having examined that paper, beg leave to submit the following:

Item 1. In references to "Vacancies," your Committee have no recommendation to make but leave it to Synod to take such steps and make such provisions as its wisdom may suggest.

2. Your Committee have no recommendation to make in regard to change of pastorates, believing that necessary changes can be best made by the parties immediately concerned.

3. We sustain the recommendation of the President to appoint two Committees, one in Virginia and another in North Carolina, to look after Church Property.

4. Your Committee also approve the suggestion of the President concerning Concordia High School, and recommend that a Committee be appointed.

5. In the work of Missions, your Committee concur with the President, and recommend that Synod take immediate steps towards active labor in that direction.

6. Your Committee recommend that a Committee of three be appointed to report suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. H. Goodman.

Respectfully submitted, J. R. PETERSON,
M. L. FOX,
N. TOWNSEND.

The Report was received, and, on motion, was considered by items.

On motion, Rev. P. Miller, of the Virginia Synod, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Item 1. Passed by for the present.

Item 2. Passed by for the present.

Item 3. This resolution was passed.

"*Resolved* That this matter be referred to the Conferences in connection with this Synod."

Item 4. Adopted, by appointing that Committee, which consists of Revs. J. R Peterson and M. L. Little of N. C., Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. S. Bennick of Virginia.

Item 5. Adopted, and Committee appointed by Synod, as follows: Revs. Dr. M. L. Fox, J. Paul Stirewalt, J. S. Bennick and A. L. Crouse.

Item 6. Passed by for the present. The Report was recommitted.

Item 7. Received and adopted. The Committee was appointed by the house as follows: Revs. P. C. Henkel, Dr. A. J. Fox and J. R. Peterson.

The Report was adopted as a whole.

Report on Unfinished Business.

We your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that

1. On page 9, we find the continuation of the Committees to collect all minutes and pamphlets of the different conventions of our Synod and have them bound, and we ask if that committee is ready to report.

2. On page 9, we find that a new committee was appointed to collect statistics and material for the history of our churches and synod, and report the result of their efforts at the next convention of Synod. Our inquiry is, is the Committee prepared to report.

3. On page 12, we find that, in the report of the Committee on the probation of candidates for the ministry, a recommendation that a resolution be adopted, at this convention of our synod, advising all candidates for the ministry, who now are under the care of synod, or who may at any time place themselves under the care of some minister, in our connection, and prosecute their studies, and labor under his directions, until they are prepared for ordination, or until this order is changed, and as the resolution does not appear, from the record, to have been passed, nor the committee discharged, we suggest that some action is necessary.

4. On page 14, we find that it was determined to put a traveling missionary in the field, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, and we ask whether that arrangement cannot now be made and a missionary elected and put to work.

5. On page 14, we find that a Committee was appointed in reference to certain church property in Lincolnton, N. C., and we desire to know what has been done.

6. On page 19, we find the appointment of a Committee of three to prepare rules and regulations for the government of Beneficiaries to report to the next meeting of Synod, and we call for the report.

7. On page 19, we find the following:

Resolved, By this Synod that Rev. A. L. Yount be hereby notified that he is expected and required to refund as early as possible all the money he has received with the interest he has obligated himself to pay to this Synod. We enquire whether Rev. Yount has complied with this requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD,
D. H. WHEELER.

Item 1. Adopted and Committee continued.

Item 2. Adopted.

Report of the Committee to Collect Matter for the History of this Synod.

Your Committee appointed to collect material for the history of this Synod, would most respectfully submit that they have not been able to do much in that way, and supposing, as it does, that there remains but little, if anything more to be done in that way, would most respectfully ask to be discharged.

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
L. A. FOX.

This Report was received, and adopted and the Committee discharged.

Item 3. The Committee not ready to report now.

Item 4. In regard to this item, it was moved to appoint a Committee of three ministers to report a plan for Missionary labors. Committee, Revs. Dr. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and J. S. Bennick.

Item 5. The Committee report slow progress, and were discharged.

Item 6. Postponed till to-morrow morning.

Item 7. Matter deferred till the Report of Committe on Letters and Petitions be heard.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

Class I.—Letters.

No. 1 Is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith. He gives as excuse for absence a want of means and an unwillingness to ask his people, who

have been so greatly taxed by the Concordia High School, to bear his expenses. He speaks earnestly of the importance of a Lutheran School in which ministers may be trained. He believes such school is more important now, as being preparatory, missionary effort.

Your committee recommends that he be excused.

No. 2 Is a letter from Rev. D. Efird. He assigns as his reasons for absence from this convention some legal business that demands his personal attention. He calls the attention of Synod to the revision of the Hymn Book and states that 300 or 400 copies have been subscribed for and will be paid for as soon as delivered.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 Is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, asking to be excused for non-attendance.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 4 Is a letter from Rev. M. L. Little, assigning the dangerous illness of his family as the chief reason of his absence.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 Is a letter from Rev. J. C. Moser. He says that he was unable to raise the means of defraying expenses either from his own private funds or from the resources of the church.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 6 Is a letter from Rev. A. L. Yount. He proposes to pay soon the amount he owes Synod. He asks for a definite statement of the amount Synod demands. He says that $50 were received for missionary labors at Monroe.

We recommend that such a statement as he requests, be furnished.

Class II.—Petitions.

No. 1 These are petitions from Cedar Grove, St. Paul, and St. Peter (Metzes) in S. C., praying for the examination and ordination of J. K. Efird to the pastoral office.

No. 2 These are petitions from Bethlehem, Zion, and St John, S. C., praying for the ordination to the pastoral office of E. L. Lybrand.

No. 3 These are petitions from St. Peter (Piney Woods), Emmanuel and St. Jacob, praying for the ordination of J. A. Cromer to the pastoral office.

These brethren are present and we recommend that they be examined.

No. 4 Is a petition from Conover for the ordination of R. A. Yoder. As he is absent we have no recommendation to make.

No. 5 Is a petition from St. James, Summit, Lexington co., S. C., asking that the next convention of Synod be held in their church.

No. 6 Is a petition from New Jerusalem, Davidson co., N. C., praying for the assistance of Synod in securing the pastoral services of some minister of our own Synod.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the North Carolina Conference of this Synod with the earnest request that they make arrangements to supply this Church until they can obtain a regular pastor.

L. A. FOX,
A. DODSON.

Moved to adjourn till 2 P. M. During recess a sermon was preached by Rev. A. L. Crouse.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

The Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions was now considered by items.

Class I.—Nos. 1, 2, and 3, the recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

It was moved that the examination be private. The motion was sustained.

On motion, Rev. L. A. Fox was added to the Committee on Examination.

No. 4. It was moved to appoint a Committee to examine and ordain Mr. R. A. Yoder. Committee, Rev. J. R. Peterson and Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox.

In regard to No. 5, it was moved that the next meeting of Synod be held in St. James Church, Summit, Lexington Co., S. C., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday of November, 1879.

No. 6. The recommendation was sustained.

Rev. V. Stickley, Corresponding Delegate from the North Carolina Synod was received.

Mr. J. S. Koiner, a student of Theology, was made an advisory member.

It was moved to recur to the 2nd item of the report of the Committee on the President's Report. The motion was rejected.

Report of Delegate to North Carolina Synod.

On account of the many other engagements, your Delegate to the Annual Convention of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina could not attend that meeting, but addressed a fraternal letter to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

This Report was received.

Corresponding Delegates to Other Synods.

To N. C. Synod, Rev. P. C. Henkel, Principal; Rev. A. L. Crouse, Alternate.

To Virginia Synod, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D, Principal; Rev. L. A. Fox, Alternate.

At its session in 1877, this Synod appointed Corresponding Delegates to the South Carolina and Holston Synods. These synods have not as yet convened, and hence this Synod did not appoint other delegates at its session in 1878.

On motion, Synod adjourned till Saturday morning.—Prayer by Rev. P. C. Henkel. Rev. J. S. Bennick preached in the evening, at early candle-lighting.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. I Conder. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read, received, and adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Examination and Ordination reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, a committee, appointed to examine Messrs. Eli Lot Lybrand and James Albert Cromer, Columbia, S. C., and Jacob Killian Efird, Summit, S. C., as to their qualifications to bear the office of the ministry, have performed that duty. In our opinion they sustained a very creditable examination. We would, therefore, in virtue of petitions desiring their services, unanimously recommend, that Synod ordain them to the office of pastor, according to the custom of the Church.

S. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
J. N. STIREWALT,
L. A. FOX.

The report was unanimously adopted.

It was moved that the ordination take place on Monday immediately after the sermon, and that Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox preach the ordination sermon.

On motion, it was made the duty of the Examining Committee to perform the ordination.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox read the Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

ARTICLE I.—This Synod shall, from time to time, receive as many Beneficiaries, preparing for the Gospel Ministry, into her connection, as she can procure and collect funds to sustain.

ARTICLE II.—Every applicant for beneficiary aid from this Synod must be subjected to a rigid examination in regard to his Christian character, deportment, designs, talents, and advancements in Literary, or Theological attainments. No one can obtain beneficiary aid from this Synod, unless he is a member of some one of our congregations, in full communion with the same. His moral character and piety must be entirely above reproach, and his talents must, at least, reach mediocrity. He must unqualifiedly receive, and express a willingness to teach, all the doctrines of the entire collection of our Evangelical Lutheran Confessions. He must, at least, have attained to a sufficient amount of literary knowledge, to enable him to enter the Freshman class in regular Colleges. He must furnish satisfactory evidence that he has not, and cannot command, the necessary pecuniary means, to qualify him for the work of the Holy Ministry from his parents, or any other worldly source.

ARTICLE III.—Every minister educated by this Synod shall be held, in honor bound, to labor within the bounds of this Synod, as Pastor, for a term of not less than five years—unless he is excused by a resolution of this Synod, which he must ask for, and obtain before he is at liberty to make arrangements to go elsewhere. He may be excused upon the ground of refunding the money he has received with interest at 6 per cent. or upon any other ground satisfactory to this Synod.

ARTICLE IV.—This Synod should have full control of all her Beneficiaries, in regard to their studies, during the time they are receiving beneficiary aid from her. They must attend such schools as directed by Synod, only, and their studies must be approved by the Synod. They may prosecute their studies in either some college, school or Theological seminary, as per agreement with this Synod, and they must obtain from the President of such Institution, annually, a full report in regard to their conduct, capacity, and advancement in their studies, and forward the same to the President of this Synod, who shall submit it with his report, to the Synod for examination.

ARTICLE V.—Every minister in connection with this Synod is required to take up collections for beneficiary purposes, in each of his congregations, as often in each year as he may deem it expedient, and in whatever manner he and his council may think most prudent, and report the result of the same to the next annual convention of this Synod.

ARTICLE VI.—There shall be elected annually, by this Synod, a receiving and disbursing Agent, who shall discharge the duties of Treasurer, as described in the following Articles of these regulations; and hold his office until his successor shall be elected, or in case of his death, another shall be appointed by the President of Synod to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VII.—The President of this Synod shall recognize all the Beneficiaries receieved by this Synod, and shall give all orders upon the Treasurer in favor of Beneficiaries to whom appropriations have been made by the Synod. He shall keep a correct account of all orders given by him, and shall annually compare his account with the accounts kept by the Treasurer, and report the result of the same to the Synod. He must annually report to Synod all his other transactions including the number of Beneficiaries, their progress, prospects, and Christian deportment, and anything else he may deem interesting to the Synod. During the periods elapsing between the annual conventions of the Synod, all communications on the subject of beneficiary education, and all applications for aid, must be addressed to the President, and must be laid by him before the annual convention of the Synod.

ARTICLE VIII.—The Secretary of this Synod shall record the reports of the President and Treasurer, and in the event of the death or removal of the President, the Secretary shall discharge all the duties of the President in regard to beneficiary operations, until the next Synod shall fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE IX.—The Treasurer of the beneficiary funds shall keep a clear and correct account of all moneys, which shall come into his hands; and shall report the same to the annual conventions of the Synod, with all the disbursements he may make, during the previous Synodical year, accompanied with the proper vouchers for each disbursement. He must allow and pay all orders of the President out of the funds in his hands.

ARTICLE X.—All moneys collected from congregations, or otherwise, and donations for beneficiary purposes, shall be paid over to the Treasurer; for which he shall be required to give his official receipt, to the parties who may pay them over to him.

ARTICLE XI.—From every Beneficiary who receives any funds appropriated to him by this Synod, the Treasurer shall take suitable bonds, made payable to the Treasurer of the beneficiary funds of this Synod, for the full amount of all the funds he shall at any time have received, with inierest at 6 per cent. If he, at any time afterwards, shall, without the consent of the Synod, either abandon his studies, or, after completing them, refuse to engage in the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ in connection with this Synod, during the time specified in Article III, or shall for any cause be expelled from this Synod, in either event, the obligation he has entered into for refunding the money he may have received shall immediately become due, and if he should refuse to pay the same, he shall by such refusal, make himself liable to public exposure.

ARTICLE XII.—This Synod may receive as many pledges for the subsequent payment of money, for beneficiary purposes as she can procure, but she shall, in no case, make any further appropriations, than she has actual cash in the Treasury; or can at any time make it immediately available when such appropriations are made.

ARTICLE XIII.—This Synod shall not at any time receive more Beneficiaries, upon her funds, than she has money to sustain for one year. And no Beneficiary shall receive less than a sufficient amount to enable

him, with proper economy, to prosecute his studies, for the current year. The Synod shall make an estimate of the probable expenses, necessary to sustain her Beneficiaries, and make her appropriations accordingly. The Synod shall not allow anything to her Beneficiaries, beyond the strictest, comfortable, living economy.

ARTICLE XIV.—No Beneficiary of this Synod shall be allowed to continue less than two years in connection with any school, college, or Theological seminary, without the consent of the Synod. And no Beneficiary shall be sustained more than two years, at any Institution of learning, without a special agreement between himself and the Synod.

ARTICLE XV.—These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any convention of this Synod. One day's notice is required to be given, with a written statement of the amendment asked for, by any one who may at any time desire any amendment.

ARTICLE XVI.—All rules and regulations heretofore adopted by this Synod, in regard to beneficiary education, are hereby rescinded from the adoption of these regulations.

A. J. FOX,
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

The Report was adopted.

Probationary Regulations.

To meet the requirements of the Constitution of Synod, that all candidates for the ministry be held in a state of probation for not less than one year, and to direct the studies of such students as pursue their studies under private instruction, the following regulations are adopted:

I. Every such candidate shall be placed under the care of some pastor in connection with this Synod, under whose direction such student shall pursue his studies not less than two years.

II. The pastor under whose care any student may be placed shall assign to such student any labor for which he may be found qualified.

III. Synod shall prescribe the course of study to be pursued by each student.

IV. The following text-books shall be used, viz.: Kurtz's Church and Sacred History, Horn's Introduction, Hutter's Compend, Knott's Theology, Book of Concord, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Schmidt's Dogmatics, Mann's Schmidt's Christian Ethics, Vinet's Homiletics, Vinet's Pastoral Theology. Instruction shall also be given in Liturgies, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

V. There shall be a committee of examination, appointed at each annual meeting of Synod, before which every student shall be required to appear for examination at, or shortly before each convention of Synod. It shall be the duty of the committee of examination to report to Synod the progress made in his studies by each student.

A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON,
S. HENKEL.

The Report was received as amended and unanimously adopted.

IN MEMORY OF

REV. H. GOODMAN.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove Rev. Henry Goodman from his labors on earth to his reward in heaven,

Resolved 1. That in the death of Father Goodman, the Church has lost an earnest, faithful, and zealous laborer in his Master's vineyard;

Resolved 2. That we bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well;

Resolved 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to "OUR CHURCH PAPER" for publication;

Resolved 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of the deceased family.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
J. R. PETERSON.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted by all the members of Synod standing in profound silence for a few minutes.

It was moved to appoint a committee of two ministers to prepare a biographical sketch of Rev. H. Goodman, to occupy not more than two pages, to be appended to these minutes. Committee, Revs. J. R. Peterson and J. M. Smith.

On motion, Rev. P. C. Henkel was added.

The Secretary now read the Treasurer's Report as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

D. EFIRD

In account with

EVAN. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1877.				Dr.
Nov. 8,	To cash from	Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge		$18 20
"	"	" " L. M. Little's "		7 00
"	"	" " J. M. Smith's "		6 90
"	"	" Salem Church, N. C.		2 00
"	"	" Grace Church, "		2 00
Nov. 10,	"	" Rev. P. C. Henkel		2 00
"	"	" " J. P. Stirewalt		2 20
"	"	" " D. Efird's charge		7 10
"	"	" New Jerusalem Church, N. C.		1 20
"	"	" Beck's Church, N. C.		1 20
"	"	" Emmanuel" "		40
"	"	" Pilgrim " "		1 00
"	"	" Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox		2 00
Nov. 13,	"	" " J P. Stirewalt		8 05
"	"	" Former Treasurer		43 30
"	Account on	Rev. Dr. S. Henkel from former Treasurer		17 16
				$121 71

1877.		Cr.
Nov. 13,	By Cash to Henkel & Co., on Acc't for printing Minutes of 1877	$33 05
"	By account to Henkel & Co., on Acc't for printing Minutes of 1877	17 16
1878.		
Aug. 21,	By Cash on hand	71 50
		$121 71

Respectfully submitted,

D. EFIRD,

TREAS. EVAN. LUTH. TENN. SYNOD.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 2 P. M., with prayer by the President.

During recess Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., preached.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 o'clock.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll was called and business resumed.

Report on Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Association.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report, beg leave to say, that from the data furnished us we find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK,
D. S. HENKEL,
M. FILTZMOYER.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine the Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund, find neither receipts nor disbursements and hence have no report to make.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BENNICK,
D. S. HENKEL,
M. FILTZMOYER.

Rev. T. Miller's Request for Dismission.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TENNESSEE, I ask for a certificate of dismission from this body to the Evan. Luth. Synod of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS MILLER.

Rev. T. Miller's request for honorable dismission from this body to unite with the Va. Synod was granted.

Rev. V. Stickly conveyed to this Synod the fraternal greetings of the N. C. Synod, and was replied to in a few pertinent remarks by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The publication of a new edition of our old church Hymn Book, in a revised form, has been brought before Synod on different occasions, and to place the Synod properly before the public, and as many of the congregaiions still use the old book; be it,

Resolved, That Synod has no objection to the publication of such book, as an individual enterprise, and that such congregations as desire it, have a right, according to the Augsburg Confession, to use it.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion, it was made the duty of the President, verbally, to return, to-morrow after divine worship, the most sincere thanks of the members of this Synod to the members of this congregation, and other citizens of this community

for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, during our sojourn in their midst.

On motion, Synod adjourned till Monday morning, with prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

Religious Services on Saturday Evening and Sunday.

On Saturday evening, at early candlelighting, Rev. J. K. Efird preached.

At the same time Rev. I. Conder preached in St. John's (Reformed) Chapel.

A large congregation assembled on Sunday morning and listened to a sermon delivered by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

A recess was given, after which the congregation assembled and heard a sermon delivered by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

Confession and absolution were then attended to, by the Pastor, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of communicants.

On Sunday evening, at early candlelighting, Rev. V. Stickly preached. At the same time Rev. A. L. Crouse preached in St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, at Tom's Brook Station.

During these lengthy exercises the large assembly was characterized by good order and marked attention.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY morning, 8½ o'clock.

Synod met and was opened in the usual way, by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. House called to order by the President. Minutes of Saturday read, received and adopted.

Report of Corresponding Delegate to the E. L. Virginia Synod.

As your delegate to the E. L. Virginia Synod, I have only to say, that on account of unavoidable circumstances, I did not attend the last convention of that Synod. I am therefore, without any knowledge of their condition or their progress in the great work of the salvation of souls.

Very respectfully,

J. N. STIREWALT

It was moved to reconsider No. 6 of Report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions The motion was lost.

On motion, the resolution previously adopted was reconsidered, and resulted in the adoption of the following substitute:

WHEREAS, The publication of our old Hymn Book, the church Hymn Book, in a revised form, has been brought before Synod, at different times, and as the book is still extensively used in our Synod, and there is a desire to continue its use in some of our congregations, and as Synod has no funds, at this time, to invest in the publication of that work; be it,

Resolved, Therefore, that such publication, under the circumstances, is a matter for consideration on the part of the proprietors only of the work in making arrangements for its revision and publication, if deemed desirable and expedient, under such regulations as may be thought most judicious.

On motion a Committee, consisting of six ministers, two from Virginia, two from North Carolina, and two from South Carolina, on examination was appointed as follows:

Revs. S. Henkel, L. A. Fox, J. M. Smith, M. L. Little, D. Efird and A L. Crouse.

It was moved that the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the minutes of this convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran publications two copies each.

On motion, an executive committee on Missions, consisting of three ministers, was appointed as follows:

Revs. L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel and J. R. Peterson.

It was moved to elect a Treasurer for the Beneficiary Association.

Rev. T. Moser was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Association

It was moved to dispense with the reading of the Parochial Report in Synod.

On motion, the theses on the Rise and Fall of man will be discussed at the next convention of the Synod.

The President called for the report of the ministers in regard to the standing resolutions on last page of minutes.

The ministers reported variously as to their operations and results, but there were sufficient to give evidence that the requirement of the resolutions are being observed.

It was made the duty of Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., to confer with Mr. J. W. Norman, our former Beneficiary, as to whether he will prosecute his studies with a view of entering the ministry in connection with this Synod.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the body be expressed to the B. & O., W. C. V. M. & G. S., C. & O., C. C. & A. R. R., for favors done us in coming and returning to this convention.

On motion, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox was made Chairman of the executive committee on Missions.

On motion, Synod adjourned till after divine service with prayer by the President.

EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

Synod assembled and resumed business. The minutes of this convention were of Synod finally approved.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place above mentioned. Closed by Rev. T. Miller.

L. A. FOX,
Secretary.

ORDINATION SERVICES.

According to previous arrangement the ordination of Messrs. Eli Lot Lybrand and James Albert Cromer, Columbia, S. C., and Jacob Killian Efird, Summit, S. C., took place. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox preached the ordination sermon to a large and attentive congregation. After which, these three young men were solemnly ordained to the office of Pastor by the imposition of hands and prayer, by the examining committee.

Thus ended the pleasant, and we confidently hope profitable transaction and exercises of the Fifty eight annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

L. A. FOX,
Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Removals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.	Missionary Fund.
1. Rev. Dr. A. J. FOX	1837	3	410	1	1	23	...	14	...	2	...	...	$ 4 00	...	...	...	...
2. " M. L. LITTLE	1873	5	840	31	65	66	2	7	1	...	...	...	9 00	...	...	...	...
3. " J. M. SMITH	1856	6	775	29	1	56	..	19	...	4	...	...	5 60	...	...	...	...
4. " S. HENKEL, D. D	1850	2	220	22	10	27	3	11	...	1	16	...	3 10	$15 31	...	...	...
5. " J. R. PETERSON	1843	5	452	15	....	22	...	5	...	...	...	...	5 00	...	$450 00	...	...
6. " Dr. M. L. FOX	1871	3	150	....	1	16	...	1	...	...	...	...	1 60	...	...	...	...
7. " J. C. MOSER	1873	4	225	4	2	17	...	2	...	3	7	...	2 00	...	320 00	...	...
8. " A. L. CROUSE	1871	3	178	6	...	13	3	...	...	2	8	...	1 70	...	210 00	$ 20 00	...
9. " J. N. STIREWALT	1871	4	347	....	2	17	...	6	1	3	25	1	2 20	...	...	...	...
10. " J. P. STIREWALT	1873	4	270	5	4	16	...	3	...	1	6	...	3 30	...	...	...	...
11. " T. MOSER	1844	4	150	10	2	15	...	...	...	2	...	...	2 50	...	...	...	...
12. " P. C. HENKEL	1843	9	1082	...	4	80	...	25	...	...	...	...	4 40	...	...	...	...
13. " I. CONDER	1861	4	200	3	....	11	...	2	...	2	...	1	50	...	250 00	...	...
14. " J. S. BENNICK	1866	6	630	45	9	45	7	20	...	2	...	...	6 50	20 00	...	...	...
15. " L. A. FOX	1864	1	101	6	2	12	4	5	4	1	16	...	...	10 00	500 00	150 00	$6 00
16. " J. W. HAUSENFLUCK	1876	2	124	1	....	2	...	3	...	1	8	...	...	2 53	...	...	...
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IN MEMORIAM.*

REV. HENRY GOODMAN.

THE SUBJECT of this notice was the son of Michael and Elizabeth Goodman (Guthmann) born April 9th, 1798, was baptized in infancy, and in the year 1819, entered into full communion with the Ev. Luth. Church, by the imposition of hands and prayer, by Rev. Daniel Scherer, at St. John's church, Cabarras county, N. C.

He was intermarried with Esther Faggart, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Faggart, July 20th, 1819, by whom he had 14 children, 7 sons and 7 daughters; 2 sons and 3 daughters are still living. He had 57 grand children, of whom 50 are living, and 9 great grand children, of whom 8 are living.

He was licensed to preach by Revs. Daniel Moser and David Henkel, on the 29th of Nov., 1830, and preached his first sermon on the 19th of Dec., following, at his uncle, George Goodman's in Cabarras County, N. C.

He was ordained Deacon, by Revs. Philip Henkel, Adam Miller, and Daniel Moser, in Buhler's Church, Sulivan Co., Tenn., Sept. 13th, 1832.

During the whole of his ministry, as also before entering the ministry, he labored faithfully in defence of the pure Confessions of the Ev. Lutheran Church; often, especially in the early struggles of the Ev. Lutheran Tenn. Synod for the pure faith of the church of the Reformation, sacrificing much time as well as other means, to forward the work in this great crisis.

And even after the decision was made by his physician, that it was unsafe for him to venture from home, he traveled with the writer of this notice to a number of places, as

* After waiting a reasonable length of time, we wrote to the Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare a biographical notice of Rev. H. Goodman, and he replied that the Committee had not met, and hence, we should insert the article which appeared in OUR CHURCH PAPER, in regard to his death, as it here appears.

SECRETARY.

he said, "to hear preaching, and to test the fact as to whether he might venture out by himself." So anxious was he, to be found at his post, that only seven days before his death, in an interview with the writer of this, he said, "I have been blessed with a good constitution, and if I should recover, so as to be able to labor any, I will cheerfully do what I can," but then adding, "my race is about run, and I would be glad to soon depart." He then said, "I am glad you come to see me, for after you leave me this time, you will not see me alive in this world any more, for I am assured my days on earth are about at an end, and I may go at any minute, but this gives me no trouble at all." He was too feeble to talk much at a time, but was greatly blessed in having his proper mind and memory to the last, and resting securely upon the gracious promises contained in God's Word.

In the above interview, the writer of this quoted many passages of Scripture, and briefly commented on the same, to which he attentively listened, and would frequently say, "that is another meal for the soul; the soul needs food as well as the body, and though it be repeated ever so often, it still remains the same substantial food."

Thus another faithful, and aged minister of Christ, came to his last retreat, full of piety, and full of days: "as a shock of corn, ripe with age, and laden with plenty, cometh in, in his season." Job 5: 29.

How calm was the evening of his life! When his flesh and his heart failed, how reviving was the remembrance of an all sufficient Redeemer; once dying for our sins, now risen again for our justification: How cheering the well grounded hope of pardon for our transgressions, and peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. This assuages the agonies, and sweetens the bitterness of death.

When death comes what can all the golden mountains of wealth bestow! A well grounded hope in Christ surmounts everything else; but, alas! how few make this the all important consideration.

He preached his last sermon, on the 4th Sunday of Nov., 1877, in Sharon Church, Iredell Co., N. C., from 1 John 5: 7, 8.

The subject of the above notice died at his late residence in Iredell county, N. C., on the morning of the 26th of Jan-

uary, 1878; aged 79 years, 9 months, and 17 days; his consort having been called to her reward Oct. 17th, 1876; aged 74 years, 8 months, and 22 days.

His perishable remains were deposited in the Cemetery at St. Martin's Church, Iredell County, N. C., on the next day after his departure from this life; and notwithstanding the day was very rainy, a large concourse of people assembled to take a last view, and to sympathize with the many relatives, whose faces were bathed in tears, but in hopeful resignation to the will of Him who had taken His faithful servant *home*.

After the burial service ended, the many relatives and friends of the deceased repaired to the Church, to hear the funeral sermon which was based on 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8, and delivered by the Pastor of the congregation.

P. C. HENKEL.

Standing Resolutions.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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On page 5, first line of second paragraph from bottom, for "we learn that are still," &c., read "we learn, that there are still," &c.

On page 6, second line of third paragraph, for "much good could be accomplished it that way," read "in that way."

On page 12 immediately after No. 6, the following motion should occur, "In regard to Rev. A. L. Yount: It was moved that the $50 which he received for missionary labors at Monroe, N. C., be allowed and the interest to Aug. 30, 1878, be abated, and that a definite statement of the amount Synod demands be furnished." This motion was sustained.

The Resolution on page 19, in regard to the revision of our old Church Hymn Book, is the Substitute which was adopted, instead of the Resolution on page 21.

The following appointment, should appear on page 21 just after the election of Rev. T. Moser, Treasurer of Beneficiary Association: "Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed to write the History of the Tennessee Synod during the first fifty years of its existence."

On page 21, line 6 from bottom, for "but there were sufficient," &c., read "but these were sufficient," &c.

On page 22, line 2nd, for "the body," read "this body."

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PROCEEDINGS

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Evan. Luth. Tennessee Synod.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD convened in its Fifty-ninth Annual meeting in St. James Church, Lexington County, S. C., on Thursday, the 13th day of November, A. D., 1879.

The meeting was opened by the President, Rev. P. C. Henkel, with appropriate religious exercises. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. M. L. Little was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.* The roll of Ministers was called and absentees noted.

Ministers.

	Names.	Residences.
1	Rev. A. J. Fox*	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" J. R. Peterson	Dallas, "
3	" T. Moser*	Mt. Pleasant, "
4	" P. C. Henkel,	Conover, "
5	" S. Henkel, D. D.	New Market, Va.
6	" D. Efird	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7	" J. M. Smith	Conover, N. C.
8	" I. Conder†	McGaheysville, Va.
9	" J. N. Stirewalt†	Stony Man, Va.
10	" J. S. Bennick†	Forestville, "
11	" M. L. Fox	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	" J. C. Moser	China Grove, "
13	" M. L. Little	Lincolnton, "
14	" L. A. Fox†	Waynesboro, Va.
15	" A. L. Crouse	Summit, S. C.
16	" J. P. Stirewalt*	New Market, Va.
17	" J. W. Hausenfluck†	Grove Hill, "
18	" E. L. Lybrand	Columbia, S. C.
19	" J. K. Efird	Summit, "
20	" J. A. Cromer	Columbia, "
21	" R. A. Yoder	Conover, N. C.

*Excused. †Not excused.

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Louis Shealy	St. James, South Carolina.
Geo. H. Chatman	St. Thomas, "
E. S. Seiss	St. Paul, "
W. W. Lorick	Bethlehem, "
D. A. Sox	Emmanuel, "
D. H. Wheeler	St. Peter, "
J. W. Summer	St. John, "
L. F. Seay	St. Andrew, "
Jacob Wingard	Zion, "
D. I. Drafts	Cedar Grove, "
G. A. Kaminer	St. Peter or Metzes, S. C.
A. Costner	Rev. A. J. Fox's charge, N. C.
P. C. Hahn, M. J. Deitz,	Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge, N. C.
R. A. Yoder	St James and Concordia, N. C.
W. W. Stroup	Christ, Sharon, Luth. Chap. "
L. H. Quickle	Daniel, N. C.
W. A. Mauney	St. Matthews, N. C.
D. M. Wyont	Trinity, "
Jno. M. Rhodes	Philadelphia, "
M. E. Rudisill	St. Mark, Sardis & Bethage, N. C.
P. C. Shinson	Morning Star, N. C.
P. Killian	Rev. L. A. Fox's charge, Va.

The President read his annual Report.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren:—By the kind providence of our Heavenly Father, we have passed through the labors, dangers and trials of another year, and are once more assembled in Synod, and in our deliberations, it is greatly desired that we may see eye to eye, and in the unity of the faith speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among us, but that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Official Acts.—During the year now ending, I have not been called to perform any official acts, which might concern our Synod directly.

Missionary Work.—"The field is white unto the harvest." If Synod can devise any means in this direction, to do more than is being done by pastors in charge of congregations, we heartily recommend it.

Education.—To meet the demand for ministers to cultivate the fields already opened, as well as to do missionary work, a school has been opened in the village of Conover, Catawba county, N. C., and as allusions have been made to this school in different reports to Synod, in the past, and a committee having been appointed at the last sitting of Synod, to look after the terms upon which Synod could take and control said school; I recom-

mend that the Synod call for the report of that committee, and that this matter be prayerfully considered.

Recommendations.—1. I gave notice through *Our Church Paper* that I intended to recommend to Synod the prayerful consideration and investigation of the doctrine and worship of secret societies, as well as the subject of altar and pulpit fellowship and Chiliastic views.

As it is one of the duties of Synod "to detect and expose erroneous doctrines ; and as I am grieved in conscience at the thought of being partaker in any way with those who knowingly hold a doctrine at variance with our confessions of faith, and worship God otherwise than Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity, as our noble Athanasian Creed demands ; I beg Synod not to cause distress of conscience by delaying an investigation of the false worship and doctrine practiced and held by secret socictists, and with which some of our ministers are probably affiliating and we with them. If my troubles are unfounded, I ask Synod to remove them, by clearly showing that secret society worship and doctrine are in keeping with our confessions and the Holy Scriptures or otherwise remove the grounds by which such evils may be imputed unto us.

Constitution of Synod.—Permit me to offer a few recommendations on the constitution of our Synod.

Rec. 2. In Art. III, S. 1 ; The Synod should rather be said to be *composed of congregations represented by their pastors and lay-delegates.* The language as it now reads may imply that the ministry is a distinct and separate *class* in the church, whereas it is only an office in the church, and the pastor a servant of the congregation. [1 Cor. 3 ; 5. Col. 2 ; 24, 25.]

In Art. IV, S. 1. This Art. establishes as a part of the business of Synod, "To * * * depose from the holy office of the ministry such as refuse, after due admonition, to repent of their wrongs." This is a power which cannot be vested in Synod, as the office of the ministry can only be taken away through the same power by which it was conferred. The office, however, is conferred through the congregation, [Matt. 18 ; 15, 20. I Peter 2 ; 5, 10] therefore also the congregation alone can depose from the ministry. Synod can *expel from* its connection, and recommend the congregations concerned to depose.

Also in Sec. 3. This section should rather read, "upon application to examine candidates *regularly* called to the ministerial office, etc., as ordination without such a call would imply that the office is conferred in ordination, whereas it is *conferred in the call*, and ordination is only an apostolic churchly practice, and not of divine institution.

Sec. 4. Should be entirely stricken out, as it would be very wrong to permit men to officiate at all, of whom there is not sufficient evidence that they are duly qualified for such office.

By-Laws.—I have a few words to say in regard to the by-laws : But permit me to remark that I do not very highly favor a Standing Presidency, nor Visitatorship and would prefer the position, [in regard to this] of the Tenn. Synod in her first formation. I know that Dr. Martin Luther favored

the office of Visitator : and I admit that good may be accomplished by it, if we could be certain that properly disposed men could always be had in this office, but of this we have no assurance ; and a shrewd, proud, aspiring man in this office could so intimidate pastors and their congregations, (with probably a very few exceptions) as to bring them under his supreme control ; for when a head or single rulership is once set up it naturally grows greater and greater in the estimation of the subjects governed, and can easily become a terror Such are my fears, and I cannot be satisfied to conceal them. But time will show. If, however, the present arrangement will be preferred, I would recommend that in the By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec. 2, after admonition by the church council has proven fruitless, the case should be referred to the whole congregation before going to Synod. The language of this section implies that the church council is the highest judicatory in the congregation, whereas the last appeal, according to Matt. 18 ; 15, 18, is the congregation. "To whose decision he must yield" might be entirely omitted, because the decisions of Synod are not, *per se*, binding. God's word alone binds. I Cor. 7 ; 29.

In Sec. 3, Whenever such accusation of error in doctrine or life are made against a minister and the congregation report the same to the President of Synod it might be very dangerous to defer the investigation three months. In all such cases, after the congregation has made all efforts to put it to rights, and fail, let report be made to the President immediately, and his aid, or that of a committee of investigation, be called for. If, after such investigation, the charge be well grounded (I Tim. 5 ; 19) and, if here he still remain impenitent, let him be expelled from Synod, and his congregations advised to depose him.

I desire also to call the attention of Synod to the subject of the revision and reprinting of our Church Hymn Book, as there are many desiring to see the Synod have her own hymn book.

That our deliberations and transactions may redound to the glory and honor of God, and the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom is my sincere and humble prayer. P. C. HENKEL.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

An election for Officers now ensued, which resulted as follows :

REV. J. R. PETERSON, - - -	*President.*
" M. L. LITTLE, - - - - -	*Rec. Secretary.*
" J. M. SMITH, - - - - -	*Cor. Secretary.*
" S. HENKEL, D. D., - - -	*Treasurer.*
" T. MOSER, - - - - - -	*Treas. of Ben. Fund.*

Synod now adjourned for a recess of one hour.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, *Nov. 13th*, 2 P. M.

The roll was called. The President announced the following

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., J. M. Smith, and A. Costner, Esq.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, E. L. Lybrand, and Lewis Shealy.

3. *On Examination.*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, M. L. Fox, and J. C. Moser.

4. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. K. Efird, J. C. Moser, and Capt. D. M. Wyont.

5. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. C. Moser, and J. A. Cromer.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. M. L. Fox, R. A. Yoder, and J. M. Rhodes, Esq.

The President called for papers, letters, and petitions pertaining to Synod. These were classed and placed into the hands of the proper committees.

The Treasurer of Synod read his report which was referred to the committee. Parochial reports were also read and handed to the Secretary.

The President read the "Standing Resolutions" and inquired after the practice of the Ministers in regard to these Resolutions. Nearly all the Ministers reported that they had complied with the requirement of Synod. Synod now resolved to consider

Petitions of Congregations for Admission into Synod.

1. A Petition from St. Michael's, Cleburne Co., Alabama, was read.

On motion, this Congregation was received.

2. A Petition from St. Andrew's, Richland Co., S. C., was read.

On motion, this congregation was received.

Adjourned Friday morning, 9 A. M. Prayer by the President.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov. 14th*, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the President.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

On motion Rev. J. Hawkins was received as corresponding delegate from the S. C. Synod, and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod. On motion Rev. E. Kaufman, of the same synod, was received as an advisory member.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We your Committee on Letters and Petitions submit the following Report:

No. 1 is a petition from St. Michael's, Cleburne Co., Ala., in which the petitioners pray for the service of a pastor.

We recommend that this congregation be supplied, as frequently as possible, by the ministers of South Carolina.

No. 2 is a petition from St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., reading as follows:

LEXINGTON CO., S. C., }
October 27th, 1879. }

Whereas there are some existing difficulties at St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., and whereas such difficulties are exerting a damaging influence upon the congregation, and if permitted to continue, will eventually destroy it; we the members of said Church petition your honorable body to appoint a committee to investigate the troubles, adjust the matter, and if possible unite the congregation.

C. S. Keisler, E. M. Keisler, P. C. Keisler, Jacob Keisler, D. F. Keisler, A. P. Keisler, E. S. Sease, J. L. Sease, A. A. B. Keisler, Hiram Keisler, S. R. Keisler, W. M. Rauch, M. J. Hook, O. J. Hook, G. J. Hook, D. M. Hook, Joel Keisler, Sr., A. Anderson, E. B. Keisler, R. H. Leaphart, A. Griffith, P. H. Craps, J. E. Price.

We recommend that a committee of two of our ministers be appointed to inquire into the difficulties, and endeavor to adjust them if possible.

No. 3 is a petition from Concordia Congregation, Conover, N. C., praying for the examination of Mr. R. A. Yoder, as to his theological attainments, and if found qualified to ordain him at the next meeting of the N. C. Conference of our Synod. They also ask his services.

No. 4 is a petition from St. James Church, Catawba Co., N. C., also asking for the examination and ordination of Mr. R. A. Yoder. They also desire his services.

We recommend that Synod grant these petitions.

No. 5 is a petition from Concordia Congregation, Conover, N. C., praying for the next session of this body.

Nos. 6 and 7 are letters from sister Synods.

We recommend that they be read.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt asking to be excused from attendance on this session of Synod.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. A. J. Fox asking to be excused from attendance on this meeting.

We recommend that the Synod excuse him.

No 11 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser asking to be excused from attending this meeting of Synod.

We recommend that he be excused.

He also states that he received of A. L. Yount a draft on tbe bank of Nokomis, Ill., for three hundred and twenty-five ($325) dollars in payment of his account with the Tennessee Synod, as beneficiary. Brother Yount desires to be relieved of the interest.

We recommend that the interest be required.

Rev. T. Moser also asks what he shall do with the draft received from Rev. A. L. Yount.

We recommend that it be cashed.

No. 12 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the N. C. Synod, in which he makes a report of the congregations which he serves in connection with the Tennessee Synod, in Davidson Co., N. C.

Your committee deplore the anomalous condition of those congregations.

We recommend that Rev. Bernheim be advised to find a remedy for this state of affairs, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. EFIRD,
J. C. MOSER,
D. M. WYANT.

This Report was received to be acted on item by item.

Petitions.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Amended. (1) That the congregation make an earnest and prayerful effort to remove the troubles, and in case of failure to adjust the difficulties, that the committee be called to act, the congregation bearing the expenses of said committee. (2) That, that committee consist of one minister and one layman. Adopted as amended. Committee:—Rev. M. L. Little, and A Costner, Esq.

On motion, Rev. A. D. L. Moser, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Items 3 and 4. Adopted. Committee:—Ministers of the N. C. Conference.

Item 5. Recommendation of committee not sustained.

St. Peter's Church, Catawba Co., N. C., was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Synod.

Adjourned for recess.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov. 14th*, 2 P. M.

During recess a sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox. Text, I Cor. 13 : 13. Roll called. Synod resumed business.

The President announced the following

Corresponding Delegates :

Rev. L. A. FOX, - - - - Virginia Synod.
" J. C. MOSER, - - - North Carolina Synod.
" J. K. EFIRD, - - - South Carolina Synod.

Committee's Report on Letters and Petitions continued.

Letters.

Items 6 and 7. Recommendations not sustained.

Item 8. Adopted

Item 9. Adopted.

Item 10. (1) T. Moser excused. (2) Amended—interest charged from September, 1878 to the time the check was received by the Treasurer Adopted as amended. (3) Adopted.

Item 11. Amended.—That those congregations be advised to find a remedy for this state of affairs, by procuring a minister in connection with our Synod.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

The committee made the following report:

We, your committee on unfinished business, beg leave to report that:

1. On page 9 we find that two committees were appointed, one in North Carolina, Revs J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little, and one in Virginia, Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. S. Bennick, to look after church property; are they ready to report ?

2. On page 9 we find that Revs. Dr. M. L. Fox, Paul Stirewalt, J. S. Bennick and A. L. Crouse, were appointed a committee to make some inquiries concerning Concordia High School, upon what terms it could be made the property of Synod, etc.; is that committee ready to report ?

3. On page 12, we find that a committee was appointed to examine and ordain R. A. Yoder; we ask what has been done in this matter.

4. On page 10, we find the continuation of a committee to collect all minutes and phamphlets, etc.; is that committee ready to report?

5. On page 12, we find that it was made the business of the N. C. Conference of this Synod to assist New Jerusalem Congregation in securing pastoral services of one of our ministers; what was done?

6. On page 13, we find that Rev. P. C. Henkel was appointed delegate to the N. C. Synod; did he attend their meeting?

7. On page 13, we find that Rev. S. Henkel was appointed delegate to the Virginia Synod; did he attend?

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
E. L. LYBRAND,
LEWIS SHEALY.

On motion, this report was received for action item by item.

Item 1. Committee continued.

Item 2. Committee not ready to report.

Item 3. No request for ordination.

Item 4. Committee continued.

Item 5. Nothing done.

Items 6 and 7. Delegates did not comply.

On motion, a committee was appointed to report some plan by which the Synod's Mission Work may be transferred to the Conferences. Committee:—Revs. J. C. Moser, E. L. Lybrand, and P. Killian, Esq.

On motion, the President was added to this committee.

Adjourned till 7 P. M., with benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov. 14th*, 7 P. M.

The roll was called and Synod resumed business.

The President appointed the following

Committee on Examination:

REVS. S. HENKEL, D. D., and L. A. FOX, Virginia.
" J. M. SMITH and M. L. LITTLE, North Carolina.
" D. EFIRD and A. L. CROUSE, South Carolina.

Report of the Committee on the Transfer of the Missionary Work to the Conferences.

The committee made the following report:

The committee on the transfer of the mission work of Synod to the Conferences present the following resolutions:

Resolved:—1st. That the mission work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

2nd. That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

3d. That it be the duty of the Conference to make a report of the work done, to the annual sessions of Synod.

J. C. MOSER,
E. L LYBRAND,
P. KILLIAN,
J. R PETERSON.

This report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.

We your committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report and the report of the Treasurer of beneficiary fund, have examined them and we find them to be correct.

M. L. FOX,
R. A. YODER.
J. M. RHODES.

This report was received and adopted.

On motion,

THURSDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER, 1880, was fixed as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

The resolution in regard to the publication of Minutes adopted at the last meeting of Synod was amended by adding—"and a copy to each of our beneficiaries." As amended, this resolution was adopted:

It was moved that the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the minutes of this convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran Publications two copies each, and our beneficiaries one copy each.

Appropriation for Beneficiary Education.

1. On motion, Mr. Thomas C. Armentrout, McGaheysville, Va., was received as a Beneficiary student, and an appropriation of seventy dollars was made for his use. He was directed to continue his studies in the Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va.

2. On motion, Mr. Willie A. Smith, Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., was received as a beneficiary student, and an ap-

propriation of fifty dollars was made to him. He was directed to continue his studies at Concordia High School, Conover, N. C.*

3. On motion, Mr. D. A. Sox, Reeder's Store, Lexington Co., S. C., was received as a beneficiary student, and an appropriation of fifty dollars was made to him. He was directed to pursue his studies at Concordia High School.

Rev. M. L. Little gave notice that he would offer an amendment on to-morrow to the second article of "The Regulations for the government of the Synod's Beneficiary Work," which amendment was read before Synod.

Adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow, with benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, *Nov. 15th*, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Moser. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following resolutions of thanks were passed:

Resolved: That the thanks of this body are expressed to the C. C. & A. R. R., the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge R. R., and C. C. R. R., for favors done us in coming to and returning from Synod.

Resolved: That it be made the duty of the President to return, verbally, on to-morrow morning after divine service, the most sincere thanks of this body to the members of this congregation for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, and the good music they have furnished us during our sojourn in their midst.

On motion, the excuses of absent members were considered and acted upon.

Rev. I. Conder, not excused.
" J. N. Stirewalt, not excused.
" J. S. Bennick, not excused.
" J. W. Hausenfluck, not excused.

Amendment to Article II of Regulations for the Government of Synod's Beneficiary Work.

Resolved, That every application for Beneficiary aid be made to the President of the Synod who, upon such application, shall appoint a com-

*[We learn, that after mature consideration, Mr. Wm. A. Smith has concluded, that it is better for him not to accept the amount appropriated for his benefit, at this time.—PUBS.]

mittee to examine the applicant or applicants according to the requirements contained in the Synod's Regulations for Beneficiary Work, and it shall be the duty of this committee to examine and report the result of the examination to the President of the Synod, who shall, if * approved by the committee, recommend such applicant or applicants to the favorable attention of Synod.

Ordination Certificates.

Whereas, This Synodical body has no neatly printed ordination certificates for her ministers as they are ordained,

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to get up a new form to be submitted to next meeting of Synod.

Committee, Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and L. A. Fox.

Report of the Executive Committee of Missions.

The Committee made the following report: .

The committee of missions have had no meeting during the year, and, but little work has been done in this field.

Soon after the rising of last Synod, Rev. A. L. Crouse was authorized to attend to the spiritual wants of Lutheran families who are without regular Lutheran pastoral care.

During the year just passed Rev. A. L. Crouse organized two congregations, one in Cleburne Co., Ala., with 47 members, and another in Richland county, S. C., with about 20 members. As no application for pecuniary aid was asked from Synod, the missionary has been laboring at his own expense; while thus laboring he contracted a debt of twenty dollars, besides his loss of two weeks time.

Your committee recommend that Synod make an appropriation sufficient to relieve Rev. Crouse of his indebtedness, and compensate him for his loss of time. Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL
J. R. PETERSON.

The report was received and adopted. The Missionary was allowed Fifteen Dollars for his services. The money—the debt of Twenty Dollars and the Fifteen Dollars for services—was ordered to be paid by the several Conferences, each Conference bearing one-third of the expense.

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee on Examination report that we have examined Mr. R. A. Yoder as to his qualifications to bear the office of the Holy Min-

istry, and finding him well qualified, we recommend that he be ordained by the Committee already appointed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
M. L. FOX,
J. C. MOSER.

This report was received and approved.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. A. L. Crouse for printing the daily proceedings of Synod.

Report of the Committee on President's Report.

We, the committee appointed to report on the President's Report, submit the following:

I. The President suggests the importance of devising a plan, by which more ministerial labor can be brought into requisition.

In regard to this, we submit, that the change made relative to our missionary work, may be so utilized as to secure a greater amount of such labor.

II. Relative to education with a view to prepare persons for the ministry, the President calls attention to the High School at Conover, Catawba Co., North Carolina.

With respect to this matter, a committtee was appointed at last Synod to see whether that school can be placed under the control and supervision of Synod.

We deem a recommendation, on our part, unnecessary, relative to that matter, as no doubt the committee will report at the proper time.

III. The President recommends the consideration of the doctrine and worship of secret societies.

In reference to these matters, we suggest the following:

WHEREAS, This Synod is invested only with advisory power; and whereas the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the church, or that set up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the

Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of any be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation designated in the Augsburg Confession, Article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said, "Let a man examine himself," etc., and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

In regard to Chiliaism, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th Article of the Augsburg Confession.

IV. Relative to the allusion in the President's report, to certain articles in the Constitution of Synod; we would simply remark that organic laws should be seldom changed, and as no proposition has been made, in accordance with the 8th Article of the said constitution, for any change or alteration, no action is required on the part of the Synod.

V. With respect to the matter of revising and publishing our Church Hymn Book, we deem the action taken by our Synod last year, all that we could recommend. Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
J. M. SMITH,
A. COSTNER.

On motion, this report was received to be acted on item by item. The report was adopted, item by item, without any change.

Adjourned for recess. Prayer by the President.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, *Nov. 15th*, 3 P. M.

The roll was called and business resumed.

The Secretary offered the following resolution concerning

Our Church Paper.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to all the families of the Synod *Our Church Paper*, and especially urge it upon the Ministers to endeavor to extend its circulation and thereby widen its sphere of usefulness.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to confer with the Trustees of Concordia High School in order to ascertain upon what terms this school could be made the property of Synod, submitted the terms obtained from said Trustees. This committee was discharged at its own request, and the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The committee appointed at last Synod were discharged, and,

WHEREAS, The proprietors of the Concordia High School, at Conover, N. C., is desirous to be under the supervision and control of this Synod, and,

WHEREAS, We need a School of that grade under church influence, and the Synod would rejoice at seeing such arrangement, be it

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to take the initiary steps in co-operation with the proprietors of the school, to bring about this result, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

Committee: Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. C. Moser.

The committee on State of the Church was excused from making a report.

Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

Closing exercises by the President.

Summary of Sermons.

Prof. R. A. Yoder preached, Nov. 13, 7 P. M.—Text: Isaiah 35, 8.
Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox preached, Nov. 14, 12 M.—Text: I Cor. 13, 13.
" J. C. Moser preached, Nov. 15, 7 P. M.—Text: St. John 3, 16.
" S. Henkel, D. D., preached, Nov. 16, 10½ A. M.—Text: Heb. 10, 24.
" J. M. Smith preached, Nov. 16, 2 P. M.—Text: I Cor. 11, 1, 2.
" M. L. Little preached, Nov. 16, 6½ P. M.—Text: Luke 23, 46.

The religious services were well attended, and the seed sown will doubtless bring forth its fruit in due season. In addition to the regular services of Sunday, Confession and Absolution were attended to and the Holy Communion administered to a goodly number of communicants.

"Not unto us, not unto us, O, Lord, but unto thy name give glory for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake." Amen.

M. L LITTLE, *Secretary.*

Reports.

Treasurer's Report.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,

In account with the

EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1878.		
Aug. 30,	To cash of Rev. D. Efird, former Treasurer,	$71 50
"	" Amount received at Synod for Minutes	50 70
Sept. 3,	" " of Rev. L. A. Fox for Missions, &c	12 50
		$134 70

1878.			Cr.
Sept. 10,	By cash to Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes of 1877, due from Rev. D. Efird, former Treasurer	$12 39	
Sept. 10,	By cash to Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes of 1878	45 00	
Sept. 10,	By amount over paid Henkel & Co., and subject to the order of Synod	27 61	
Dec. 9.	By amount paid F. Zeiler, postage on Minutes	4 74	
			$89 74
1879.			
Nov. 7,	Balance in hand at this time subject to order of Synod		$44 96

Respectfully submitted,

J. PAUL STIREWALT,

Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund.

REV. A. L. YOUNT,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1873.		DR.
June 15,	To cash	$50 00
Sept. 27,	"	25 00
1874.		
April 22,	To cash	43 00
" 23,	"	30 85
Sept. 3,	"	61 20
Nov. 16,	"	10 00
1875.		
Jan. 18,	To cash	60 00
Feb. 9,	"	4 00
May 17,	"	20 00
July 28,	"	6 00
1876.		
Jan. 13,	To cash	14 00
		$324 05
1876. Feb. 18,	To cash for missionary services allowed by Synod	$50 00
1878.		CR.
May 2,	Draft on Bank.. $325.00	

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund.

Treasurer's Agent's Report.

Rev. S. HENKEL, Virginia Agent for Rev. T. Moser,
Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund of Evan. Luth. Tennessee Synod.

1879.		
Nov.,	To amount appropriated to J. W. Nauman, which he did not accept, as he entered into other business	$50 00
Jan. 25,	To amount from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's charge	2 50
Nov. 8,	" from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge	8 02
Nov. 2,	" from Rev. S. Henkel's charge	3 24
Nov. 10,	" from Emmanuel, Rev. S. Henkel's charge	6 50

T. MOSER, Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund,
In account with
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1879. May 2, Received of Rev. A. L. Yount on his indebtedness to Synod, draft, Bank, Nokomis, Ill., for $325
To Importers and Traders National Bank, New York.

As there were no orders from the President the above still remains in my hands.

Respectfully submitted, T. MOSER,
Treasurer Beneficiary Education Fund.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Cur'nt Exp'nses	Other Objects.	Mission'ry Fund.
1. Rev. A. J. FOX,	1837	3	430	9	1	46	...	13	...	3	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. " J. R. PETERSON,	1843	5	528	14	1	36	...	4	...	1	..	...	...	$6 25	...	$400	$1800	$50 00
3. " P. C. HENKEL,	1843	8	1100	127	13	165	...	33	...	1	..	..	...	4 40	...	...	...	...
4. " T. MOSER,	1844	4	160	2	1	17	..	4	...	..	..	..	...	2 00	...	...	...	...
5. " D. EFIRD,†	1847	7	990	36		113	..	24	...	5	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. " S. HENKEL, D. D.,	1850	2	230	8	5	17	4	21	...	2	..	..	2	3 00	$9 80	...	...	8 01
7. " J. M. SMITH,*	1856	6	711	36	1	66	..	18	..	1	..	...	...	7 20	...	...	...	...
8. " I. CONDOR,	1861	4	210	9	1	6	..	3	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	250 00	...	...
9. " L. A. FOX,	1864	1	102	4	2	5	3	...	6	1	16	..	...	...	...	500 00	75.00	40 00
10. " J. S. BENNICK,	1866	6	650	40	5	40	..	19	...	2	...	..	..	5 00	10 00	600 00	3100.	...
11. " M. L. FOX,	1871	3	150	9	1	10	..	3	...	2	..	..	...	2 00	...	...	...	...
12. " A. L. CROUSE,‡	1871	2	100	14	1	25	1	1	...	1	4	25	...	1 00	...	100 00	75.00	1 85
13. " J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	373	27	11	34	..	16	...	3	25	...	1	1 40	...	...	...	...
14. " M. L. LITTLE,	1873	5	850	31	1	82	1	12	2	2	..	...	..	8 20	...	400 00	...	...
15. " J. C. MOSER,	1873	5	240	14	2	19	..	3	..	3	8	...	...	2 00	...	325 00	...	...
16. " J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	4	280	19	2	21	4	6	1	1	6	...	1	2 60	8 02	275 00	...	...
17. " J. K. EFIRD,	1877	2	251	24	2	32	3	4	...	2	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	11 30
18. " J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,	1876	2	134	9	3	14	...	5	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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†Assisted by J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand
*Assisted by R. A. Yoder.
‡Rev. Crouse serves Alabama Mission.

Note.—*Some of our Ministers have failed to report.*

Standing Resolutions.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one Sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their Confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for Church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for Church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their Confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek Church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the Pastor, before the Council, and have been approved by them.

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PROCEEDINGS

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FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD convened in its Fifty-ninth Annual meeting in St. James Church, Lexington County, S. C., on Thursday, the 13th day of November, A. D., 1879.

The meeting was opened by the President, Rev. P. C. Henkel, with appropriate religious exercises. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. M. L. Little was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.* The roll of Ministers was called and absentees noted.

Ministers.

	Names.	Residences.
1	Rev. A. J. Fox*	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" J. R. Peterson	Dallas, "
3	" T. Moser*	Mt. Pleasant, "
4	" P. C. Henkel,	Conover, "
5	" S. Henkel, D. D.	New Market, Va.
6	" D. Efird	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7	" J. M. Smith	Conover, N. C.
8	" I. Conder†	McGaheysville, Va.
9	" J. N. Stirewalt†	Stony Man, Va.
10	" J. S. Bennick†	Forestville, "
11	" M. L. Fox	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	" J. C. Moser	China Grove, "
13	" M. L. Little	Lincolnton, "
14	" L. A. Fox†	Waynesboro, Va.
15	" A. L. Crouse	Summit, S. C.
16	" J. P. Stirewalt*	New Market, Va.
17	" J. W. Hausenfluck†	Grove Hill, "
18	" E. L. Lybrand	Columbia, S. C.
19	" J. K. Efird	Summit, "
20	" J. A. Cromer	Columbia, "
21	" R. A. Yoder	Conover, N. C.

*Excused. †Not excused.

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Louis Shealy	St. James, South Carolina.
Geo. H. Chatman	St. Thomas, "
E. S. Seiss	St. Paul, "
W. W. Lorick	Bethlehem, "
D. A. Sox	Emmanuel, "
D. H. Wheeler	St. Peter, "
J. W. Summer	St. John, "
L. F. Seay	St. Andrew, "
Jacob Wingard	Zion, "
D. I. Drafts	Cedar Grove, "
G. A. Kaminer	St. Peter or Metzes, S. C.
A. Costner	Rev. A. J. Fox's charge, N. C.
P. C. Hahn, M. J. Deitz,	Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge, N. C.
R. A. Yoder	St James and Concordia, N. C.
W. W. Stroup	Christ, Sharon, Luth. Chap. "
L. H. Quickle	Daniel, N. C.
W. A. Mauney	St. Matthews, N. C.
D. M. Wyont	Trinity, "
Jno. M. Rhodes	Philadelphia, "
M. E. Rudisill	St. Mark, Sardis & Bethage, N. C.
P. C. Shinson	Morning Star, N. C.
P. Killian	Rev. L. A. Fox's charge, Va.

The President read his annual Report.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren:—By the kind providence of our Heavenly Father, we have passed through the labors, dangers and trials of another year, and are once more assembled in Synod, and in our deliberations, it is greatly desired that we may see eye to eye, and in the unity of the faith speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among us, but that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Official Acts.—During the year now ending, I have not been called to perform any official acts, which might concern our Synod directly.

Missionary Work.—"The field is white unto the harvest." If Synod can devise any means in this direction, to do more than is being done by pastors in charge of congregations, we heartily recommend it.

Education.—To meet the demand for ministers to cultivate the fields already opened, as well as to do missionary work, a school has been opened in the village of Conover, Catawba county, N. C., and as allusions have been made to this school in different reports to Synod, in the past, and a committee having been appointed at the last sitting of Synod, to look after the terms upon which Synod could take and control said school; I recom-

mend that the Synod call for the report of that committee, and that this matter be prayerfully considered.

Recommendations.—1. I gave notice through *Our Church Paper* that I intended to recommend to Synod the prayerful consideration and investigation of the doctrine and worship of secret societies, as well as the subject of altar and pulpit fellowship and Chiliastic views.

As it is one of the duties of Synod "to detect and expose erroneous doctrines; and as I am grieved in conscience at the thought of being partaker in any way with those who knowingly hold a doctrine at variance with our confessions of faith, and worship God otherwise than Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity, as our noble Athanasian Creed demands; I beg Synod not to cause distress of conscience by delaying an investigation of the false worship and doctrine practiced and held by secret societists, and with which some of our ministers are probably affiliating and we with them. If my troubles are unfounded, I ask Synod to remove them, by clearly showing that secret society worship and doctrine are in keeping with our confessions and the Holy Scriptures or otherwise remove the grounds by which such evils may be imputed unto us.

Constitution of Synod.—Permit me to offer a few recommendations on the constitution of our Synod.

Rec. 2. In Art. III, S. 1; The Synod should rather be said to be *composed of congregations represented by their pastors and lay-delegates.* The language as it now reads may imply that the ministry is a distinct and separate *class* in the church, whereas it is only an office in the church, and the pastor a servant of the congregation. [1 Cor. 3; 5. Col. 2; 24, 25.]

In Art. IV, S. 1. This Art. establishes as a part of the business of Synod, "To * * * depose from the holy office of the ministry such as refuse, after due admonition, to repent of their wrongs." This is a power which cannot be vested in Synod, as the office of the ministry can only be taken away through the same power by which it was conferred. The office, however, is conferred through the congregation, [Matt. 18; 15, 20. I Peter 2; 5, 10] therefore also the congregation alone can depose from the ministry. Synod can *expel from* its connection, and recommend the congregations concerned to depose.

Also in Sec. 3. This section should rather read, "upon application to examine candidates *regularly* called to the ministerial office, etc., as ordination without such a call would imply that the office is conferred in ordination, whereas it is *conferred in the call*, and ordination is only an apostolic churchly practice, and not of divine institution.

Sec. 4. Should be entirely stricken out, as it would be very wrong to permit men to officiate at all, of whom there is not sufficient evidence that they are duly qualified for such office.

By-Laws.—I have a few words to say in regard to the by-laws: But permit me to remark that I do not very highly favor a Standing Presidency, nor Visitatorship and would prefer the position, [in regard to this] of the Tenn. Synod in her first formation. I know that Dr. Martin Luther favored

the office of Visitator · and I admit that good may be accomplished by it, if we could be certain that properly disposed men could always be had in this office, but of this we have no assurance; and a shrewd, proud, aspiring man in this office could so intimidate pastors and their congregations, (with probably a very few exceptions) as to bring them under his supreme control; for when a head or single rulership is once set up it naturally grows greater and greater in the estimation of the subjects governed, and can easily become a terror Such are my fears, and I cannot be satisfied to conceal them. But time will show. If, however, the present arrangement will be preferred, I would recommend that in the By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec. 2, after admonition by the church council has proven fruitless, the case should be referred to the whole congregation before going to Synod. The language of this section implies that the church council is the highest judicatory in the congregation, whereas the last appeal, according to Matt. 18; 15, 18, is the congregation. "To whose decision he must yield" might be entirely omitted, because the decisions of Synod are not, *per se*, binding. God's word alone binds. I Cor. 7; 29.

In Sec. 3, Whenever such accusation of error in doctrine or life are made against a minister and the congregation report the same to the President of Synod it might be very dangerous to defer the investigation three months. In all such cases, after the congregation has made all efforts to put it to rights, and fail, let report be made to the President immediately, and his aid, or that of a committee of investigation, be called for. If, after such investigation, the charge be well grounded (I Tim. 5; 19) and, if here he still remain impenitent, let him be expelled from Synod, and his congregations advised to depose him.

I desire also to call the attention of Synod to the subject of the revision and reprinting of our Church Hymn Book, as there are many desiring to see the Synod have her own hymn book.

That our deliberations and transactions may redound to the glory and honor of God, and the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom is my sincere and humble prayer. P. C. HENKEL.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

An election for Officers now ensued, which resulted as follows:

REV. J. R. PETERSON, - - -	*President.*
" M. L. LITTLE, - - - - -	*Rec. Secretary.*
" J. M. SMITH, - - - - -	*Cor. Secretary.*
" S. HENKEL, D. D., - - -	*Treasurer.*
" T. MOSER, - - - - - -	*Treas. of Ben. Fund.*

Synod now adjourned for a recess of one hour.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, *Nov. 13th*, 2 P. M.

The roll was called. The President announced the following

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., J. M. Smith, and A. Costner, Esq.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, E. L. Lybrand, and Lewis Shealy.

3. *On Examination.*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, M. L. Fox, and J. C. Moser.

4. *On Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. K. Efird, J. C. Moser, and Capt. D. M. Wyont.

5. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. C. Moser, and J. A. Cromer.

6. *On Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.*—Revs. M. L. Fox, R. A. Yoder, and J. M. Rhodes, Esq.

The President called for papers, letters, and petitions pertaining to Synod. These were classed and placed into the hands of the proper committees.

The Treasurer of Synod read his report which was referred to the committee. Parochial reports were also read and handed to the Secretary.

The President read the "Standing Resolutions" and inquired after the practice of the Ministers in regard to these Resolutions. Nearly all the Ministers reported that they had complied with the requirement of Synod. Synod now resolved to consider

Petitions of Congregations for Admission into Synod.

1. A Petition from St. Michael's, Cleburne Co., Alabama, was read.

On motion, this Congregation was received.

2. A Petition from St. Andrew's, Richland Co., S. C., was read.

On motion, this congregation was received.

Adjourned Friday morning, 9 A. M. Prayer by the President.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 14*th*, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by the President.

The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

On motion Rev. J. Hawkins was received as corresponding delegate from the S. C. Synod, and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod. On motion Rev. E. Kaufman, of the same synod, was received as an advisory member.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We your Committee on Letters and Petitions submit the following Report:

No. 1 is a petition from St. Michael's, Cleburne Co., Ala., in which the petitioners pray for the service of a pastor.

We recommend that this congregation be supplied, as frequently as possible, by the ministers of South Carolina.

No. 2 is a petition from St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., reading as follows:

LEXINGTON CO., S. C.,)
October 27*th*, 1879.)

Whereas there are some existing difficulties at St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., and whereas such difficulties are exerting a damaging influence upon the congregation, and if permitted to continue, will eventually destroy it; we the members of said Church petition your honorable body to appoint a committee to investigate the troubles, adjust the matter, and if possible unite the congregation.

C. S. Keisler, E. M. Keisler, P. C. Keisler, Jacob Keisler, D. F. Keisler, A. P. Keisler, E. S. Sease, J. L. Sease, A. A. B. Keisler, Hiram Keisler, S. R. Keisler, W. M. Rauch, M. J. Hook, O. J. Hook, G. J. Hook, D. M. Hook, Joel Keisler, Sr., A. Anderson, E. B. Keisler, R H. Leaphart, A. Griffith, P. H. Craps, J. E. Price.

We recommend that a committee of two of our ministers be appointed to inquire into the difficulties, and endeavor to adjust them if possible.

No. 3 is a petition from Concordia Congregation, Conover, N. C., praying for the examination of Mr. R. A. Yoder, as to his theological attainments, and if found qualified to ordain him at the next meeting of the N. C. Conference of our Synod. They also ask his services.

No. 4 is a petition from St. James Church, Catawba Co., N. C., also asking for the examination and ordination of Mr. R. A. Yoder. They also desire his services.

We recommend that Synod grant these petitions.

No. 5 is a petition from Concordia Congregation, Conover, N. C., praying for the next session of this body.

Nos. 6 and 7 are letters from sister Synods.

We recommend that they be read.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt asking to be excused from attendance on this session of Synod.

We recommend that he be excused.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. A. J. Fox asking to be excused from attendance on this meeting.

We recommend that the Synod excuse him.

No 11 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser asking to be excused from attending this meeting of Synod.

We recommend that he be excused.

He also states that he received of A. L. Yount a draft on tbe bank of Nokomis, Ill., for three hundred and twenty-five ($325) dollars in paymen^t of his account with the Tennessee Synod, as beneficiary. Brother Yount desires to be relieved of the interest.

We recommend that the interest be required.

Rev. T. Moser also asks what he shall do with the draft received from Rev. A. L. Yount.

We recommend that it be cashed.

No. 12 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, of the N. C. Synod, in which he makes a report of the congregations which he serves in connection with the Tennessee Synod, in Davidson Co., N. C.

Your committee deplore the anomalous condition of those congregations.

We recommend that Rev. Bernheim be advised to find a remedy for this state of affairs, if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. EFIRD,
J. C. MOSER,
D. M. WYANT.

This Report was received to be acted on item by item.

Petitions.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Amended. (1) That the congregation make an earnest and prayerful effort to remove the troubles, and in case of failure to adjust the difficulties, that the committee be called to act, the congregation bearing the expenses of said committee. (2) That, that committee consist of one minister and one layman. Adopted as amended. Committee:—Rev. M. L. Little, and A Costner, Esq.

On motion, Rev. A. D. L. Moser, was invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Items 3 and 4. Adopted. Committee:—Ministers of the N. C. Conference.

Item 5. Recommendation of committee not sustained.

St. Peter's Church, Catawba Co., N. C., was chosen as the place for the next meeting of Synod.

Adjourned for recess.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov. 14th*, 2 P. M.

Dnring recess a sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox. Text, I Cor. 13 : 13. Roll called. Synod resumed business.

The President announced the following

Corresponding Delegates :

Rev. L. A. FOX, - - - -	Virginia Synod.
" J. C. MOSER, - - -	North Carolina Synod.
" J. K. EFIRD, - - -	South Carolina Synod.

Committee's Report on Letters and Petitions continued.

Letters.

Items 6 and 7. Recommendations not sustained.

Item 8. Adopted.

Item 9. Adopted.

Item 10. (1) T. Moser excused. (2) Amended—interest charged from September, 1878 to the time the check was received by the Treasurer Adopted as amended. (3) Adopted.

Item 11. Amended.—That those congregations be advised to find a remedy for this state of affairs, by procuring a minister in connection with our Synod.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

The committee made the following report:

We, your committee on unfinished business, beg leave to report that:

1. On page 9 we find that two committees were appointed, one in North Carolina, Revs J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little, and one in Virginia, Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. S. Bennick, to look after church property; are they ready to report?

2. On page 9 we find that Revs. Dr. M. L. Fox, Paul Stirewalt, J. S. Bennick and A. L. Crouse, were appointed a committee to make some inquiries concerning Concordia High School, upon what terms it could be made the property of Synod, etc.; is that committee ready to report?

3. On page 12, we find that a committee was appointed to examine and ordain R. A. Yoder; we ask what has been done in this matter.

4. On page 10, we find the continuation of a committee to collect all minutes and phamphlets, etc.; is that committee ready to report?

5. On page 12, we find that it was made the business of the N. C. Conference of this Synod to assist New Jerusalem Congregation in securing pastoral services of one of our ministers; what was done?

6. On page 13, we find that Rev. P. C. Henkel was appointed delegate to the N. C. Synod; did he attend their meeting?

7. On page 13, we find that Rev. S. Henkel was appointed delegate to the Virginia Synod; did he attend?

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
E. L. LYBRAND,
LEWIS SHEALY.

On motion, this report was received for action item by item.

Item 1. Committee continued.

Item 2. Committee not ready to report.

Item 3. No request for ordination.

Item 4. Committee continued.

Item 5. Nothing done.

Items 6 and 7. Delegates did not comply.

On motion, a committee was appointed to report some plan by which the Synod's Mission Work may be transferred to the Conferences. Committee:—Revs. J. C. Moser, E. L. Lybrand, and P. Killian, Esq.

On motion, the President was added to this committee.

Adjourned till 7 P. M., with benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 14*th*, 7 P. M.

The roll was called and Synod resumed business.

The President appointed the following

Committee on Examination:

REVS. S. HENKEL, D. D., and L. A. FOX, Virginia.
" J. M. SMITH and M. L. LITTLE, North Carolina.
" D. EFIRD and A. L. CROUSE, South Carolina.

Report of the Committee on the Transfer of the Missionary Work to the Conferences.

The committee made the following report:

The committee on the transfer of the mission work of Synod to the Conferences present the following resolutions:

Resolved:—1st. That the mission work of this Synod be transferred to the several Conferences.

2nd. That the Conferences be urged to engage earnestly and actively in this work under such regulations as may to them seem best.

3d. That it be the duty of the Conference to make a report of the work done, to the annual sessions of Synod.

J. C. MOSER,
E. L LYBRAND,
P. KILLIAN,
J. R. PETERSON.

This report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Terasurer's Report.

We your committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's report and the report of the Treasurer of beneficiary fund, have examined them and we find them to be correct.

M. L. FOX,
R. A. YODER.
J. M. RHODES.

This report was received and adopted.

On motion,

THURSDAY BEFORE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER, 1880, was fixed as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

The resolution in regard to the publication of Minutes adopted at the last meeting of Synod was amended by adding—"and a copy to each of our beneficiaries." As amended, this resolution was adopted:

It was moved that the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the minutes of this convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each General Body of Lutherans in this country, the Synods in correspondence with this body, our Institutions of learning, and our Lutheran Publications two copies each, and our beneficiaries one copy each.

Appropriation for Beneficiary Education.

1. On motion, Mr. Thomas C. Armentrout, McGaheysville, Va., was received as a Beneficiary student, and an appropriation of seventy dollars was made for his use. He was directed to continue his studies in the Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va.

2. On motion, Mr. Willie A. Smith, Conover, Catawba Co., N. C., was received as a beneficiary student, and an ap-

propriation of fifty dollars was made to him. He was directed to continue his studies at Concordia High School, Conover, N. C.*

3. On motion, Mr. D. A. Sox, Reeder's Store, Lexington Co., S. C., was received as a beneficiary student, and an appropriation of fifty dollars was made to him. He was directed to pursue his studies at Concordia High School.

Rev. M. L. Little gave notice that he would offer an amendment on to-morrow to the second article of "The Regulations for the government of the Synod's Beneficiary Work," which amendment was read before Synod.

Adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow, with benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, *Nov. 15th*, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Moser. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following resolutions of thanks were passed:

Resolved: That the thanks of this body are expressed to the C. C. & A. R. R., the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge R. R., and C. C. R. R., for favors done us in coming to and returning from Synod.

Resolved: That it be made the duty of the President to return, verbally, on to-morrow morning after divine service, the most sincere thanks of this body to the members of this congregation for the many acts of kindness they have so generally extended to us, and the good music they have furnished us during our sojourn in their midst.

On motion, the excuses of absent members were considered and acted upon.

Rev. I. Conder, not excused.
" J. N. Stirewalt, not excused.
" J. S. Bennick, not excused.
" J. W. Hausenfluck, not excused.

Amendment to Article II of Regulations for the Government of Synod's Beneficiary Work.

Resolved, That every application for Beneficiary aid be made to the President of the Synod who, upon such application, shall appoint a com-

*[We learn, that after mature consideration, Mr. Wm. A. Smith has concluded, that it is better for him not to accept the amount appropriated for his benefit, at this time.—PUBS.]

mittee to examine the applicant or applicants according to the requirements contained in the Synod's Regulations for Beneficiary Work, and it shall be the duty of this committee to examine and report the result of the examination to the President of the Synod, who shall, if * approved by the committee, recommend such applicant or applicants to the favorable attention of Synod.

Ordination Certificates.

WHEREAS, This Synodical body has no neatly printed ordination certificates for her ministers as they are ordained,

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to get up a new form to be submitted to next meeting of Synod.

Committee, Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and L. A. Fox.

Report of the Executive Committee of Missions.

The Committee made the following report:

The committee of missions have had no meeting during the year, and, but little work has been done in this field.

Soon after the rising of last Synod, Rev. A. L. Crouse was authorized to attend to the spiritual wants of Lutheran families who are without regular Lutheran pastoral care.

During the year just passed Rev. A. L. Crouse organized two congregations, one in Cleburne Co., Ala., with 47 members, and another in Richland county, S. C., with about 20 members. As no application for pecuniary aid was asked from Synod, the missionary has been laboring at his own expense; while thus laboring he contracted a debt of twenty dollars, besides his loss of two weeks time.

Your committee recommend that Synod make an appropriation sufficient to relieve Rev. Crouse of his indebtedness, and compensate him for his loss of time. Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL
J. R. PETERSON.

The report was received and adopted. The Missionary was allowed Fifteen Dollars for his services. The money—the debt of Twenty Dollars and the Fifteen Dollars for services—was ordered to be paid by the several Conferences, each Conference bearing one-third of the expense.

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee on Examination report that we have examined Mr. R. A. Yoder as to his qualifications to bear the office of the Holy Min-

istry, and finding him well qualified, we recommend that he be ordained by the Committee already appointed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
M. L. FOX,
J. C. MOSER.

This report was received and approved.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. A. L. Crouse for printing the daily proceedings of Synod.

Report of the Committee on President's Report.

We, the committee appointed to report on the President's Report, submit the following:

I. The President suggests the importance of devising a plan, by which more ministerial labor can be brought into requisition.

In regard to this, we submit, that the change made relative to our missionary work, may be so utilized as to secure a greater amount of such labor.

II. Relative to education with a view to prepare persons for the ministry, the President calls attention to the High School at Conover, Catawba Co., North Carolina.

With respect to this matter, a committtee was appointed at last Synod to see whether that school can be placed under the control and supervision of Synod.

We deem a recommendation, on our part, unnecessary, relative to that matter, as no doubt the committee will report at the proper time.

III. The President recommends the consideration of the doctrine and worship of secret societies.

In reference to these matters, we suggest the following:

WHEREAS, This Synod is invested only with advisory power; and whereas the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the church, or that set up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the

Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of any be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation designated in the Augsburg Confession, Article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said, "Let a man examine himself," etc., and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

In regard to Chiliaism, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th Article of the Augsburg Confession.

IV. Relative to the allusion in the President's report, to certain articles in the Constitution of Synod; we would simply remark that organic laws should be seldom changed, and as no proposition has been made, in accordance with the 8th Article of the said constitution, for any change or alteration, no action is required on the part of the Synod.

V. With respect to the matter of revising and publishing our Church Hymn Book, we deem the action taken by our Synod last year, all that we could recommend. Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
J. M. SMITH,
A. COSTNER.

On motion, this report was received to be acted on item by item. The report was adopted, item by item, without any change.

Adjourned for recess. Prayer by the President.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, *Nov. 15th*, 3 P. M.

The roll was called and business resumed.

The Secretary offered the following resolution concerning

Our Church Paper.

Resolved, That this Synod recommend to all the families of the Synod *Our Church Paper*, and especially urge it upon the Ministers to endeavor to extend its circulation and thereby widen its sphere of usefulness.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to confer with the Trustees of Concordia High School in order to ascertain upon what terms this school could be made the property of Synod, submitted the terms obtained from said Trustees. This committee was discharged at its own request, and the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The committee appointed at last Synod were discharged, and,

WHEREAS, The proprietors of the Concordia High School, at Conover, N. C., is desirous to be under the supervision and control of this Synod, and,

WHEREAS, We need a School of that grade under church influence, and the Synod would rejoice at seeing such arrangement, be it

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to take the initiary steps in co-operation with the proprietors of the school, to bring about this result, and report to the next meeting of Synod.

Committee: Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. C. Moser.

The committee on State of the Church was excused from making a report.

Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.

Closing exercises by the President.

Summary of Sermons.

Prof. R. A. Yoder preached, Nov. 13, 7 P. M.—Text: Isaiah 35, 8.
Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox preached, Nov. 14, 12 M.—Text: I Cor. 13, 13.
" J. C. Moser preached, Nov. 15, 7 P. M.—Text: St. John 3, 16.
" S. Henkel, D. D., preached, Nov. 16, 10½ A. M.—Text: Heb. 10, 24.
" J. M. Smith preached, Nov. 16, 2 P. M.—Text: I Cor. 11, 1, 2.
" M. L. Little preached, Nov. 16, 6½ P. M.—Text: Luke 23, 46.

The religious services were well attended, and the seed sown will doubtless bring forth its fruit in due season. In addition to the regular services of Sunday, Confession and Absolution were attended to and the Holy Communion administered to a goodly number of communicants.

"Not unto us, not unto us, O, Lord, but unto thy name give glory for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake." Amen.

M. L LITTLE, *Secretary.*

Reports.

Treasurer's Report.

J. PAUL STIREWALT,

In account with the

EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1878.

Aug. 30, To cash of Rev. D. Efird, former Treasurer, ... $71 50
" " Amount received at Synod for Minutes 50 70
Sept. 3, " " of Rev. L. A. Fox for Missions, &c 12 50

$134 70

1878. CR.

Sept. 10, By cash to Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes of 1877, due from Rev. D. Efird, former Treasurer $12 39
Sept. 10, By cash to Henkel & Co., for printing Minutes of 1878 ..... 45 00
Sept. 10, By amount over paid Henkel & Co., and subject to the order of Synod... 27 61
Dec. 9, By amount paid F. Zeiler, postage on Minutes 4 74

$89 74

1879.

Nov, 7, Balance in hand at this time subject to order of Synod $44 96

Respectfully submitted,

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
Treasurer.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund.

REV. A. L. YOUNT,
In account with
EVAN. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

		Dr.
1873.		
June 15,	To cash	$50 00
Sept. 27,	"	25 00
1874.		
April 22,	To cash	43 00
" 23,	"	30 85
Sept. 3,	"	61 20
Nov. 16,	"	10 00
1875.		
Jan. 18,	To cash	60 00
Feb. 9,	"	4 00
May 17,	"	20 00
July 28,	"	6 00
1876.		
Jan. 13,	To cash	14 00
		$324 05

1876. Feb. 18, To cash for missionary services allowed by Synod $50 00

1878. Cr.
May 2, Draft on Bank.. .... $325.00

Respectfully submitted,
T. MOSER,
Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund.

Treasurer's Agent's Report.

Rev. S. HENKEL, Virginia Agent for Rev. T. Moser,
Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund of Evan. Luth. Tennessee Synod.

1879.		
Nov.,	To amount appropriated to J. W. Nauman, which he did not accept, as he entered into other business	$50 00
Jan. 25,	To amount from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's charge	2 50
Nov. 8,	" from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge	8 02
Nov. 2,	" from Rev. S. Henkel's charge	3 24
Nov. 10,	" from Emmanuel, Rev. S. Henkel's charge	6 50

T. MOSER, Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund,
In account with
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1879. May 2, Received of Rev. A. L. Yount on his indebtedness to Synod, draft, Bank, Nokomis, Ill., for $325
To Importers and Traders National Bank, New York.

As there were no orders from the President the above still remains in my hands.

Respectfully submitted, T. MOSER,
Treasurer Beneficiary Education Fund.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmations.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Curr'nt Exp'nses	Other Objects.	Mission'ry Fund.
1. Rev. A. J. FOX,	1837	3	430	9	1	46	...	13	...	3	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2. " J. R. PETERSON,	1843	5	528	14	1	36	...	4	...	1	..	...	...	$6 25	.....	$400	$1800	$50 00
3. " P. C. HENKEL,	1843	8	1100	127	13	165	...	33	...	1	..	...	...	4 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
4. " T. MOSER,	1844	4	160	2	1	17	..	4	...	..	..	...	...	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
5. " D. EFIRD,†	1847	7	990	36		113	..	24	...	5	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6. " S. HENKEL, D. D.,	1850	2	230	8	5	17	4	21	...	2	..	...	2	3 00	$9 80	.....	.....	8 01
7. " J. M. SMITH,*	1856	6	711	36	1	66	..	18	..	1	..	...	...	7 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. " I. CONDOR,	1861	4	210	9	1	6	..	3	...	..	..	...	...	.....	.....	250 00	.....	.....
9. " L. A. FOX,	1864	1	102	4	2	5	3	.....	6	1	16	..	...	.....	.....	500 00	75.00	40 00
10. " J. S. BENNICK,	1866	6	650	40	5	40	..	19	...	2	...	...	...	5 00	10 00	600 00	3100.	.....
11. " M. L. FOX,	1871	3	150	9	1	10	..	3	...	2	...	...	...	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
12. " A. L. CROUSE,‡	1871	2	100	14	1	25	1	1	...	1	4	25	...	1 00	.....	100 00	75.00	1 85
13. " J. N. STIREWALT,	1871	4	373	27	11	34	..	16	...	3	25	...	1	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....
14. " M. L. LITTLE,	1873	5	850	31	1	82	1	12	2	2	..	...	..	8 20	.....	400 00	.....	.....
15. " J. C. MOSER,	1873	5	240	14	2	19	..	3	..	3	8	...	...	2 00	.....	325 00	.....	.....
16. " J. P. STIREWALT,	1873	4	280	19	2	21	4	6	1	1	6	...	1	2 60	8 02	275 00	.....	.....
17. " J. K. EFIRD,	1877	2	251	24	2	32	3	4	...	2	13	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 30
18. " J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,	1876	2	134	9	3	14	...	5	..	...	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ALABAMA MISSION‡,	.....	1	47	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	1	1	20	...	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....

†Assisted by J. A. Cromer and E. L. Lybrand
*Assisted by R. A. Yoder.
‡Rev. Crouse serves Alabama Mission.

NOTE.—*Some of our Ministers have failed to report.*

Standing Resolutions.

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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD assembled in its sixtieth annual convention in St. Peter's Church, Catawba County, N. C., on Thursday, 11th day of November, 1880. A sermon was preached by Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt from Matt. 11:28, after which the meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. J. R. Peterson. Rev. J. C. Moser was chosen Secretary, *pro tem.* The roll of ministers was called and absentees noted.

Ministers.

	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1	Rev. A. J. FOX,	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" J. R. PETERSON,	Dallas, N. C.
3	" T. MOSER,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
4	" P. C. HENKEL,	Conover, N. C.
5	" S. HENKEL, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
6	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7	" J. M. SMITH,	Conover, N. C.
8	" I. CONDOR,†	McGaheysville, Va.
9	" J. N. STIREWALT,†	Stony Man, Va.
10	" J. S. BENNICK,*	Forestville, Va.
11	" M. L. FOX,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	" J. C. MOSER,	China Grove, N. C.
13	" M. L. LITTLE,*	Lincolnton, N. C.
14	" L. A. FOX,	Waynesboro, Va.
15	" A. L. CROUSE,	Summit, S. C.
16	" J. P. STIREWALT,	New Market, Va.
17	" J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,*	Grove Hill, Va.
18	" E. L. LYBRAND,	Columbia, S. C.
19	" J. K. EFIRD,†	Summit, S. C.
20	" J. A. CROMER,	Columbia, S. C.
21	" R. A. YODER,	Conover, N. C.
22	" C. H. BERNHEIM,	Lexington, N. C.

*Excused. †Not excused.

The certificates of Lay-delegates were called for and the following presented credentials:

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
J. L. Wagner,	St. Martin's, Iredell, N. C.
Silas Bost,	Sharon, " "
Tobias Barnes,	Salem, Alexander, "
D. M. Puett,	Bold Spring, "
W. W. Fry,	Friendship, "
C. T. Sigmon,	St. Peter's, "
J. M. Miller,	St. Stephen's "
Noah Hawn,	Zion, "
D. W. Moose,	Piney Grove, "
F. L. Herman,	St. Paul's, "
Logan Dellinger	St. John's, "
G. M. Yoder	Grace, "
M. L. Cline,	Hickory, "
M. Hallman	St. Luke's, "
Caleb Rhodes,	Salem, Lincoln, N. C.
Levi Hass,	Trinity, " "
Henry Setzer	Philadelphia, Gaston, N. C.
W. M. Robinson	Lutheran Chapel, "
Q. Y. Stroup	Christ's, "
D. V. Clippard	Salem, Lincoln, "
S. H. Efird,	St. Martin's, Stanley, "
J. P. Goodman,	Phanuel, "
Philip Fisher	Morning Star, "
D. A. Goodman	Concordia, "
M. E. Rudisill,	St. Mark's, Catawba, "
P. W. Carpenter	Bethphage, "
H. C. Goodman,	St. Mark's, Rowan, "
H. H. Conrad,	Pilgrim and Emanuel. "
George Hedrick,	New Jerusalem and Beck's, N. C.
Lawson Link,	Philadelphia, Caldwell, "
J. W. Summer,	St. John's, St. Peter's, St. Jacob's and Bethlehem, S. C.
J. W. Craps,	St. James' and St. Thomas', S. C.
G. F. Drafts,	St. Andrew's, Zion, and St. Paul's, S. C.
D. A. Sox,	Emmanuel, S. C.
D. S. Henkel,	Emmanuel and Mt. Zion, Va.
J. M. Roberts,	St. Matthew's, N. C.
A. M. Huit	St. James', "

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., ... President.
" J. C. Moser, ...Rec. Secretary.
" J. R. Peterson, ...Cor. Secretary.
" J. M. Smith, ...Treasurer.

The retiring President then read his Annual Report.

President's Report.

To the Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in Convention assembled: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Brethren:

Our thanks are due the Triune God for that kind providence, which has watched over us during the year now ending, and for the privilege of again meeting in the capacity of a Synod. The lives of our ministers have been spared; and with a single exception, their health has been such as to enable them to perform their accustomed labors. One dear brother, (Rev. M. L. Little) has, for months, lain upon a sick bed from which he is slowly recovering. Our prayers should ascend to the throne of grace, in behalf of our afflicted brother.

During the Synodical Year, I have been called upon to perform but few official acts.

Beneficiaries.—Concerning beneficiaries, Messrs. T. E. Armentrout and D. A. Sox, I have had satisfactory information. Mr. Armentrout is pursuing his studies at the Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va. His progress in study has been commendable, and his character and prospects entirely satisfactory. No call was made upon me for an order upon the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund in his favor, but Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., informed me that he paid the amount appropriated by Synod for his benefit out of money in his hands, belonging to Synod. Mr. Armentrout asks an additional appropriation of $75.00 or $100.00. I recommend that an appropriation be made.

Mr. Sox is pursuing his studies at Concordia High School, Catawba Co., N. C. His progress in his studies during the year has been quite satisfactory. His Christian character is above reproach and his prospect for usefulness is encouraging. On the 3rd day of August last, I gave an order upon the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund for $50—the amount appropriated for his benefit by the last Synod. He asks of Synod an appropriation for the incoming year. I recommend that the necessary appropriation be made.

Church Dedication.—On Sunday, the 3rd day of October, during a meeting of the N. C. Conference of this Synod, a new church, situated in the northern part of Rowan County, N. C., was dedicated to the service of the Triune God, to be known as St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This church is under the pastoral care of Rev. J. C. Moser and will be presented to this convention for admission as an integral member of Synod.

And now, brethren, thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in me and for the forbearance you have exercised toward me in the imperfect manner in which I have served you, I commend you to God and the word of his grace and invoke for your guidance the direction of the Holy Spirit, to whom with the Father and Son, be all honor and glory ascribed, world without end.

J. R. PETERSON, PRESIDENT.

The report was received and referred to the proper committee.

The president announced the following

Regular Committees.

1. *On President's Report.*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. M. Smith, and Mr. Silas Bost.

2. *On Unfinished Business.*—Revs. J. R. Peterson, T. Moser, and Mr. Logan Dellinger.

3. *On Examination.*—Revs. A. J. Fox, T. Moser, and A. L. Crouse.

4. *On Letters and Papers.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, J. A. Cromer, and G. M. Yoder.

5. *On State of the Church.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, D. Efird, and R. A. Yoder.

6. *On Treasurer's and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.*—Messrs. D. S. Henkel, C. T. Sigman, and Franklin Herman.

The papers, letters and petitions intended for Synod were called for. These were classed and placed in the hands of the proper committees.

Synod now adjourned until Friday morning, 9 o'clock. Benediction by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Synod was opened with religious exercises by Rev. A. L. Crouse. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and adopted. Rev. L. A. Fox arrived.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We the committee on unfinished business have examined the minutes of last Synod and refer

1. To page 9, and recommend Synod to inquire whether the committee appointed to adjust the troubles then existing in St. Paul's Church, Lexington Co., S. C., were called upon to act; and if so, what has been the result.

2. We refer to page 10, Item 11 on Letters, and recommend that inquiry be made whether any changes have been made since last Synod in the relations existing between Rev. C. H. Bernheim and the congregations served by him and belonging to this Synod.

3. We refer to page 12, and recommend Synod to inquire what has been done in mission work by the several Conferences of this Synod, since the last meeting.

4. On page 14, we find that a committee was appointed to prepare a new form of ordination certificate, and report to this committee. Is that committee prepared to report?

5. We refer to page 17, and recommend Synod to inquire whether the committee appointed to report upon a transfer of Concordia High School to this Synod is prepared to report as required by Synod.

J. R. PETERSON,
T. MOSER,
LOGAN DELLINGER.

The report was received and considered by items.

Item 1. Passed by.

Item 2. Postponed until the committee on letters and petitions report.

Item 3. It was moved that the representatives of the several Conferences be required to report on to-morrow with regard to this item.

Item 4. The committee not being ready to report was continued.

Item 5. Postponed until to-morrow 10 A. M. This report was adopted as far as acted upon.

The Report of the Committee on President's Report.

We your committee, appointed to examine the President's report, beg leave to state that there is nothing in it to demand the special action of Synod further than its recommendations in regard to our beneficiaries.—We respectfully recommend that the recommendation of the President be approved.

P. C. HENKEL,
J. M. SMITH,
SILAS BOST.

This report was received and pending its discussion, Synod adjourned until after recess.

Preaching by the Secretary during the recess. Text: 2 Tim. 1, 12.

THIRD SESSION.

Candidates W. P. Cline, D. J. Suttlemire, W. A. Smith, and J. A. Rudisill were invited to seats among us as advisory members.

The report on President's report, pending which Synod had adjourned, was adopted.

Appropriation for Beneficiary Education.

1. On motion, an appropriation of One Hundred Dollars was made to Mr. T. E. Armentrout, of McGaheysville, Virginia.

2. On motion, Synod appropriated One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars to the benefit of Mr. D. A. Sox.

In obedience to the requirement of Art. II. of the Regulations for the Governments of Synod's Beneficiary work, Rev. T. Moser and A. L. Crouse were appointed a committee to examine Mr. J. A. Rudisill.

Report of the Committee on Treasurer's Report and Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.

We your Committee, appointed to examine the reports of the Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Beneficiary Funds, beg leave to state that we have examined them, with their vouchers, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. HENKEL,
C. T. SIGMAN,
F. L. HERMAN.

This report was received and adopted.

Rev. T. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Education Fund.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim was received as an advisory member, and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

It was moved that a committee of four be appointed to consider the proposed amendments to the Constitution of

Synod, which were presented to Synod on yesterday. On motion the President was added to this committee. The President appointed Revs. P. C. Henkel, T. Moser, A. L. Crouse, and R. A. Yoder on this committee.

The President appointed the following Committee on Examination: Revs. J. R. Peterson and T. Moser, N. C.; Revs. D. Efird and A. L. Crouse, S. C.; Revs. L. A. Fox and I. Conder, Va.

Parochial reports were called for and read.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We your Committee on Letters and Petitions submit the following report:

No. 1 is a petition from Bold Springs, Caldwell County, N. C., praying for the examination, ordination, and services of Mr. D. A. Goodman. We recommend that this case be referred to the Committee on examination, to be disposed of as in their judgment they may think proper.

No. 2 is a petition from the officers and members of St. Mary (Pine) Church, Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, praying for the next session of this Synod.

No. 3 is a petition from St. Mark's Church, Rowan County, N. C., praying to be received into Synod. We recommend that they be received.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Bennick, asking to be excused from attending on this session of Synod, on account of bad health. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, asking to be excused from attending on this session of Synod, on account of not having sufficient means to defray traveling expenses. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 6 is a memorial from Morning Star, stating that the congregation is in a more prosperous condition than it has been for many years. They greatly desire the continuance of the services of Rev. J. C. Moser, stating that their children have been well catechised, and the congregation growing.

No. 7 is a memorial from Trinity Church, Lincoln County, N. C., stating that the congregation is in a prosperous condition.

No. 8 is a memorial from Emmanuel Church, Lexington County, S. C., stating that they are well pleased with the services of Rev. J. A. Cromer and desire that they be continued, congregation is doing well.

No. 9 is from St. Paul's, Lexington County, S. C., stating that they have been served during the past year by the Rev. E. L. Lybrand, which service was very acceptable, and hope to obtain his service another year.

No. 10 is a memorial from Zion's Church, Lexington County, S. C., which was read before Synod.

No. 11 is a memorial from Beck's and New Jerusalem Churches, David-

son County, N. C., stating that the condition of the Church is good, and that they have selected Rev. C. H. Bernheim as their pastor.

No. 12 is an honorable dismission of C. H. Bernheim from the N. C. Synod to the Tennessee Synod. We recommend that he be received as a member of Synod.

J. M. SMITH,
J. A. CROMER,
G. M. YODER.

On motion, this report was received and acted upon by item.

Item 1. The recommendation of the committee was sustained.

Item 2. In reference to this item it was moved that the next session of this Synod be held in Emmanuel Church, in New Market, Va. St. Mary's Pine Church was put in competition with Emmanuel.

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, New Market, Va., was chosen as the place of the next meeting of Synod. Saturday before the second Sunday in September, was fixed as the time of next meeting.

The rules were suspended and item 12 was taken up.

Item 12. It was moved that the recommendation of the committee be sustained.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim was unanimously received as a member of this Synod.

Item 3. The recommendation of the committee was sustained. St. Mark's Evang. Lutheran Church, Rowan Co., N. C., and its delegate were received.

Pending the consideration of this report Synod adjourned until Saturday morning, 8 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 10 A. M.

Synod met, and was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. M. L. Fox. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and adopted.

The Committee on the reception of Concordia High

School under care of Synod, which was made the special order for 10 o'clock this morning, reported.

This report was received.

Pending the discussion of this subject, Synod adjourned until after the recess. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Fox.

During the recess a funeral discourse was preached by Rev. T. Moser. Text: 1 Thess. 4, 13–18; 2 Cor. 5, 8.

FIFTH SESSION.

Candidate J. B. Fox was received as an advisory member. The following resolution was substituted for the report of the committee on the reception of Concordia High School.

Resolution on the Reception of Concordia High School under Care of Synod.

WHEREAS, The Trustees of Concordia High School, Conover, N. C., have made a proposition to Synod to take the Institution under her care and supervision, and

WHEREAS, It is the desire and wish of this Synod to have an Institution of learning in her connection, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of three, on the part of Synod, be appointed to confer with the Trustees of said school, and prepare an agreement which may serve as a basis upon which said school may become the recognized Institution of Synod, and that this committee be required to report to the next session of Synod.

Resolved further, That we hereby recommend Concordia High School to the members of our Church, and to the public generally, as a school of meritorious character.

Adopted.

The President appointed the following persons on this committee: Revs. J. C. Moser, J. R. Peterson, and C. H. Bernheim.

On motion, A. Costner, Esq., and Mr. C. T. Sigman were added to this committee.

Report of the Committee on the Examination of Mr. J. A. Rudisill.

We, your committee, appointed to examine applicant J. A. Rudisill in reference to his qualifications to become a beneficiary of Synod, report that we have discharged that duty, and are well pleased with the brother, and recommend that he be taken under care of Synod, and directed and sustained according to our beneficiary regulations.

T. MOSER.
A. L. CROUSE.

The committee, appointed to take into consideration the revised Constitution laid before Synod on Thursday, made the following:

Report of Committee on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod.

We, the committee, appointed to consider the amendments proposed to be made to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod, submit the following:

Constitution—That Article 3, Sec. 1, be so amended as to read, This Synod shall be composed of congregations represented by their pastors and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod, to represent them in the synodical meetings.

We recommend, that Sec. 5 of Article 3 be transferred to Article 6, Sec. 2 of the By-Laws.

That Sec. 1 of Article 4, be amended by striking out all in said Sec., after the words "finding them guilty," and by inserting in their place, the following: to expel from Synod such as refuse to repent, after due admonition, and recommend his congregation or congregations to sever his pastoral or ministerial relations.

That Section 2 of Article 4, be stricken out.

That Section 3, Article 4, be amended by striking out the words "by a majority of the members voting," and the word "appointing," shall be changed to appoint.

By-Laws—In regard to the By-Laws, we recommend the following amendments:

That Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Article 4, be stricken out and the following substituted:

Sec. 2.—Should any member of the Church know a minister to be guilty of a private offense, he shall reprove him according to (Matth. 18, 15.) And if in the process, as required in this text, he be restored fully to the favor of his charge, or congregation, as to his membership and fitness to perform the functions of the ministry, the matter should rest here; but if his offense shall have been of such a serious character, in violating the principles of piety, rules of morality, or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our church, and the decision of the congregation or charge shall not have been satisfactory to the Synod, Synod shall investigate the matter, and if in her judgment, his offense has been such as to disqualify him to discharge the functions of the ministry, she shall sever his synodical relation, and recommend the congregation or congregations to sever his pastoral or ministerial relations; and any congregation refusing to do so, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 3.—In the event of an offense committed by a minister of this Synod, requiring the aid of Synod to adjust it satisfactorily, the member

or members acquainted with the facts in the case, shall immediately inform the president of Synod, who shall call without delay a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused.

The president shall notify specially the parties of the call session and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected, the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid, and impartial investigation, and dispose of it according to the evidence in the case.

Sec. 4.—If a minister against whom serious charges are preferred be duly notified and he refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, his connection with Synod shall be severed, and his charge advised to sever his pastoral and ministerial relations.

That Section 2 of Article 5, be stricken out.

That Section 3 of Article 5, be stricken out, and the following be substituted in its place:

Sec. 3.—Whenever one or more congregations make application for the services of a candidate for the ministry, he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod he shall be ordained to the office of pastor according to Article IV, Sec. 3 of Constitution.

That Section 4 of Article 5 be stricken out.

That relative to the Reception of Ministers or Candidates for the Ministry, and Altar and Pulpit Fellowship, we recommend that the following, known as the Summit Rule, be adhered to, which reads as follows:

This Synod is invested only with advisory power; and whereas the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the church, or that set up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the

altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of any be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation designated in the Augsburg Confession, Article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said, "Let a man examine himself," etc., and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

In regard to Chiliaism, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th Article of the Augsburg Confession.

S. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
P. C. HENKEL
NOT BEING SATISFIED,
T. MOSER,
R. A. YODER.

This report was received and considered section by section.

The amendment to Article 3, Sec. 1, was rejected.—Revs. P. C. Henkel and J. M. Smith asked to have their names recorded in the affirmative.

Rev. D. Efird was excused from further attendance on the sessions of this Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by the President.

Sunday Services.

At 10 A. M. a very large congregation having assembled, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., preached on the subject of the Lord's Supper, Text, Acts 18: 21. After the sermon the Holy Communion was administered to a very large number of communicants. After a recess Rev. C. H. Bernheim preached from Gen. 7: 1. Great interest was manifested in these services, and we trust much good was done in the name of Jesus and for his glory.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Synod met at the appointed hour. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt. The roll was called.

Excuses of absentees were heard.

Rev. I. Conder was not excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt was not excused.
Rev. J. S. Bennick was excused.
Rev. M. L. Little was excused.
Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was not excused.
Rev. J. K. Efird was not excused.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That our heartfelt thanks are due the good people of this congregation for their exceedingly kind and hospitable treatment during our stay amongst them.

Continuance of the Report on Letters and Petitions.

Items 6, 7, 8, and 9 were re-committed to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Item 10. In reference to this item, Synod adopted the following resolution:

Inasmuch as Synod is not in possession of all the facts, she deems it unwise to give advice in that particular case.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Corresponding Delegate to the S. C. Synod reported that he was in attendance upon the last meeting of that body, and that Rev. Prof. G. W. Holland was appointed delegate to this meeting with J. A. Sligh alternate.

The Corresponding Delegate to the N. C. Synod reported that he had discharged the duty imposed upon him.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

Your Committee are able to report reasonably favorable on the state of the congregations in connection with our Synod in the State of Virginia. The spirit of liberality is being manifested to a greater degree than in former years. The ministers are actively and zealously engaged in the work of the Master's Vineyard, and their efforts have been crowned with an eminent degree of success. But one slight change in pastoral relation, has taken place, and that only temporarily. In one congregation there is a little discord between Pastor and members of the congregation; but as far as our information goes, no serious trouble is likely to result from this difficulty. With this single exception, our congregations, in this part of our Synod, enjoy a reasonable share of prosperity. The increase in membership has been good.

Relative to the state of the Church in North Carolina, we, your Committee, regret that we are not able to make upon the whole a very favor-

able report. In some portions of the Church here the work is being carried forward with some degree of efficiency and zeal. But most of our pastoral charges are much too large, and more laborers are greatly needed, in order that our Church work may be prosecuted with that degree of efficiency which the nature of the work demands. Among our ministers, both personally and in our Church work, there is not that entire harmony which is desirable. We believe, however, that the outlook for more laborers, more effectual work, and greater unity and harmony is improving.

Our congregations in South Carolina, are doing tolerably well. There seems to be more harmony existing among the congregations—with one exception—than has been for some years past. All our congregations in this State are regularly supplied with divine services; and in most of the congregations, the children are being catechised. Our members attend regularly on public worship. Taken altogether, we believe, there has been much improvement during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PAUL STIREWALT,
J. C. MOSER,
J. A. CROMER.

The Appointment of Delegates to other Synods.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed Delegate to the N. C. Synod.

Synod adjourned until after recess. Benediction by Rev. R. A. Yoder.

SEVENTH SESSION.

With regard to Mission Work, the following resolutions were passed:

1. *Resolved*, That as the work of Missions has been transferred to the Conference, the regulations of Synod in regard to said work are hereby repealed.

2. *Resolved*, That the reports of the Conferences in regard to Mission Work, be referred to the Committee on the state of the Church.

3. *Resolved*, That all moneys collected or subscribed for the Mission Work be retained for such purpose in the Conference in which such subscription or collection has been made.

Notice was given that at the next session of this Synod, an amendment would be offered to the By-Laws, establishing a Standing Committee on Missions.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each Minister of this Synod with three copies, each general

body of Lutherans in this country one copy, our Institutions of learning one copy each, our Lutheran Publications two copies each, and our Beneficiaries one copy each.

Conference Report.

LEXINGTON CO., S. C.,)
Aug. 28, 1880.)

TO THE EVANG. LUTHERAN TENN. SYNOD:

In accordance with requirement of Synod, we report that this Council has adopted a plan for Home Mission work, elected officers and made a beginning which we hope will be eminently successful in prosecuting the work committed by Synod to our care.

The further consideration of the report of the committee on the Amendments to the Constitution was postponed until the next meeting of Synod.

Synod now adjourned to the time and place already appointed. Closing exercises by the President.

J. C. MOSER, SECRETARY.

Religious Services.

Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt preached, Nov. 11, 12 M., Text, Matt. 11: 28.

Rev. J. C. Moser preached, November 12, 12 M., Text, 2 Tim. 1: 12.

Rev. D. Efird preached, November 12, 7 P. M., Text, John 5: 39.

Rev. T. Moser preached a funeral sermon, Nov. 13, 12 M., Texts, 1 Thes. 4: 13–18 and 2 Cor. 5: 8.

Rev. J. A. Cromer preached, Nov. 13, 7 P. M., Text, Isa. 63: 1–3.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., preached Nov. 14, 10 A. M., Text, Acts 18: 21.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim preached, Nov. 14, 3 P. M., Text, Gen. 7: 1.

Great interest was manifested in all the services. The communion was an unusually large one. May God bless these services to the good of his Church and to the praise of his own great glory.

J. C. MOSER, SECRETARY.

Treasurers' Reports.

SOCRATES HENKEL, Treasurer,

In account with

The Tennessee Synod. Dr.

1879.				
Nov. 22.	To amounts of former Treasurer, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt			$44 96
"	"	received of different parties at Synod		38 30
Nov. 29.	"	"	P. C. Hahn, Esq.,	2 70
1880.				
Jan. 5.	"	"	Rev. J. N. Stirewalt	1 40
" 8.	"	"	" J. K. Efird	35
" 30.	"	"	Geo. Hedrick	1 00
" "	"	"	H. J. Wisinger	10
" "	"	"	Zion Church, S. Henkel's Ch.	80
Feb. 21.	"	"	Rev. T. Moser	2 00
May 21.	"	"	" J. C. Moser	50
				$92 11

1880. Cr.

Dec. 13. By am't pd. Henkel & Co. for printing minutes and postage on same $49 96

Bal. on hand, and subject to Order of Synod..... $42 15

T. MOSER

In account with

The Evan. Luth. Tennessee Synod. Dr.

1879.

——— To cash on hand..... $325 00

1880.

Jan. 9. To interest on Rev. A. L. Yount's note..... $12 00

Amount $337 00

1880. Cr.

Aug. 10. By Cash paid D. A. Sox $50 00

" " Postage..... 25

$50 25

Balance in my hands..... $286 75

T. MOSER.

Treas. Ben. Fund.

REV. S. HENKEL'S ACCOUNT.

As Agent for Rev. T. Moser,

Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund.

1880. Dr.

Nov. 7. To amount in his hands on Report, Nov., 1879.....$60 26

1880. Cr.

Apr. 3. By amount paid, appropriated to Thomas E. Armentrout, by Synod at session in Nov., 1879....$70 00

1880. Dr.

July 18.	To amount of Rev. I. Conder's charge		$14 00
" 28.	"	refunded by J. S. Koiner a former beneficiary	42 00
Nov. 7.	"	from Mt. Zion Church	3 39
"	"	" Emmanuel Church	6 75
			$126 40
			$70 00
		Balance in S. Henkel's hands	$56 40

This account does not appear in T. Moser's statement, but leaves the balance of $56.40, subject to the order of the Treasurer, in S. Henkel's hands.

Note.—In regard to Mr. J. A. Rudisill, an appropriation of $50.00 was made for his benefit, while he was requested to continue his studies in Concordia High School. This action of Synod seems to have been omitted in the body of the Minutes.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Ministers.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.
1. Rev. A. J. FOX	1837	5	500	30	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. " P. C. HENKEL	1843	8	1100	132	8	37	4	23	...	2	5	...	..	$ 5 20	...	...	...
3. " J. R. PETERSON	1843	4	515	29	2	16	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	7 45	$25 00	$350 00	...
4. " T. MOSER	1844	4	160	8	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	3 00	...	...	...
5. " S. HENKEL, D. D.	1850	2	232	19	2	4	2	15	...	1	8	50	...	2 90	11 07	...	...
6. " J. M. SMITH	1856	4	600	62	1	10	...	13	...	2	...	...	...	5 30	...	...	...
7. " J. N. STIREWALT	1871	5	396	7	4	5	...	5	...	3	18	120	..	1 50	4 13	...	$ 40 00
8. " A. L. CROUSE	1871	2	109	7	...	6	3	...	...	1	4	26	...	40	7 06	80 00	100 00
9. " M. L. FOX	1871	3	150	6	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	50	...	1 50	...	...	...
10. " J. P. STIREWALT	1873	3	200	21	...	4	...	5	...	2	12	100	...	2 20	3 44	...	...
11. " M. L. LITTLE	1873	5	858	45	1	17	1	9	3	4	...	...	...	7 00	...	...	...
12. " J. C. MOSER	1873	5	266	30	3	28	...	2	...	4	18	200	...	4 00	...	350 00	...
13. " J. W. HAUSENFLUCK	1876	3	175	7	1	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. " J. K. EFIRD	1877	2	250	21	...	13	1	6	...	2	13	...	1	...	14 45	16 00	...
15. " J. A. CROMER	1877	1	40	12	...	...	1	1	...	1	10	49	...	60	4 25	...	...
16. " E. L. LYBRAND	1877	3	275	24	...	17	1	5	...	3	15	112	...	1 70	18 00	225 00	100 00
17. " R. A. YODER	1878	2	175	29	2	5	...	4	...	1	6	...	...	90	...	...	...
18. " L. A. FOX *	1864	2	120	8	2	6	...	...	...	2	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
19. " J. S. BENNICK *	1866	6	650	25	...	15	...	5	...	...	...	...	..	6 70	...	...	...
20. " D. EFIRD *	1847	7	990	113	...	36	...	24	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21. " I. CONDER	1861	3	120	6	1	7	...	3	...	2	...	...	..	...	12 00	...	...

* Made up from Minutes of last year.

CALENDAR FOR 1880-'81.

Officers of Synod.

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D.,...New Market, Va.,.....PRESIDENT.
" J. C. MOSER,.....China Grove, N. C.....REC. SECRETARY.
" J. R. PETERSON,....Dallas, N. C.....COR. SEC.
" J. M. SMITH,.....Conover, N. C.....TREASURER.

Committee on the State of the Church.

REV. L. A. FOX,..... .....Waynesboro, Va.
" D. EFIRD, ...Pine Ridge, S. C.
" R. A. YODER, ...Conover, N. C.

Committee on Examination.

REV. J. R. PETERSON,.....Dallas, N. C.
" T. MOSER,.....Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
" D. EFIRD, ...Pine Ridge, S. C.
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Place and Time of Next Meeting.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, New Market, Va., Saturday before the Second Sunday of September, 1881.

Delegates to Other Synods.

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D., to North Carolina Synod.

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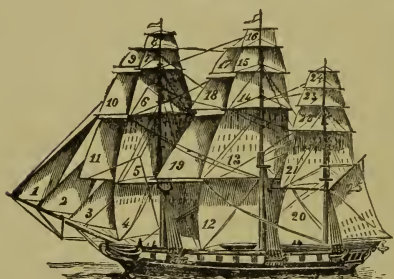

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OF THE

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TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD IN

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September 10-14, 1881.

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TREASURER—REV. S. HENKEL, D. D., ...New Market, Va.

Standing Committees.

On Missions:

Revs. S. HENKEL, D. D., J. R. PETERSON, A. L. CROUSE.

On the State of the Church:

Revs. L. A. FOX, D. D., A. L. CROUSE, J. C. MOSER.

On Examination:

Revs. S. HENKEL, D. D., L. A. FOX, D. D., P. C. HENKEL, T. MOSER, A. L. CROUSE, D. EFIRD.

Place and Time of the Next Meeting:

The next Convention will be held in St. Jacob's Church, Lexington County, S. C., commencing on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October, 1882.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

NEW MARKET, VA.,
Sept. 10, 1881.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD assembled in its Sixty-first Annual Convention in Emmanuel's Church, New Market, Va., Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., pastor—on Saturday, 10th day of September, 1881. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Rev. Dr. Henkel. Rev. L. A. Fox was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.* The roll of ministers was called and absentees noted.

Clerical Roll.

	Names.	Residences.
1	Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D.	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" J. R. Peterson*	Dallas, "
3	" T. Moser*	Mt. Pleasant, "
4	" P. C. Henkel*	Conover, "
5	" S. Henkel, D. D.	New Market, Va.
6	" D. Efird*	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7	" J. M. Smith	Conover, N. C.
8	" I. Conder	McGaheysville, Va.
9	" J. N. Stirewalt	Stony Man, Va.
10	" J. S. Bennick	Forestville, "
11	" M. L. Fox, M. D.	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	" J. C. Moser*	China Grove, "
13	" M. L. Little	Lincolnton, "
14	" L. A. Fox, D. D.	Waynesboro, Va.
15	" A. L. Crouse	Summit, S. C.
16	" J. P. Stirewalt	New Market, Va.
17	" J. W. Hausenfluck	Grove Hill, Va.
18	" E. L. Lybrand*	Columbia, S. C.
19	" J. K. Efird*	Summit, S. C.
20	" J. A. Cromer*	Columbia, S. C.
21	" Prof. R. A. Yoder	Conover, N. C.
22	" C. H. Bernheim*	Lexington, N. C.
23	" Prof. J. S. Koiner	Waynesboro, Va.

*Absent and Excused.

The following Lay-Delegates were enrolled as members of the present Convention.

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Christian Printz,	Morning Star, Va.
John D. Printz,	Mt. Calvary, "
J. J. Shank,	St. Mark's, Luray, Va.
A. J. Sillings,	St. Paul's, (Augusta) Va.
D. P. Dellinger,	St. Jacob's, Va.
Wm. Coffman,	St. Matthew's, Va.
J. B. Hess,	Mt. Zion, "
L. M. Zirkel,	Emmanuel, "
N. W. Bowman,	Bethany, "
Phil. Killian,	Bethlehem, "
Wm. H. Areheart,	Rader's, "
Calvin F. Moser,	Melanchthon, N. C.
C. M. Efird,	St. James and others, S. C.
Harrison Pence,	Solomon's, Va.
David Funkhouser,	Powder Springs, Va.
Joel Fultz,	St. Paul's, (Page) Va.
J. R. Miller,	St. Paul's, (Shenandoah) Va.
D. F. Judy,	St. William's, Va.
D. F. Miller,	Trinity, "
G. Sours,	Grace, "
J. J. Long,	Zion, (Shenandoah) Va.
Thos. E. Armentrout,	McGaheysville, Va.

Letters and Petitions were called for and presented and placed in the hands of a special Committee, constituted of Revs. J. M. Smith and R. A. Yoder, for arrangement and classification.

The President, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., read his annual report, which was received and held for the Committee to be subsequently appointed.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus:—May grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with us.

It is through the kind, beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical

year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in our Sixty-first annual Convention, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, sympathize with each other, counsel and encourage each other, devise the best and most judicious means for promoting the Gospel, maintaining and perpetuating the sacred, saving and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and entireness, and for the upbuilding and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom here on earth.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, devoutly raising our hearts, in gratitude and thankfulness, to the Father of Lights, the Giver of all Good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring him for a continuance of his blessings and tender mercies.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, have been preserved during the past Synodical year, whilst the deaths among our lay-members have been rather unusually numerous, especially among the more advanced in age. The health of our Synod, however, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

Official Acts.—During the Synodical year, we have performed few official acts. The changes, during the year, in our Synod have not been numerous.

Relative to our beneficiaries, in pursuance of a resolution making appropriations, we issued an order on the Treasurer, Rev. T. Moser, in favor of Mr. D. A. Sox, of South Carolina, for One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars; one on the same, in favor of Mr. Thomas E. Armentrout, of Virginia, for One Hundred Dollars ; and one, on the same, in favor of Mr. J. A. Rudisill, of North Carolina, for Fifty Dollars.

Mr. Armentrout pursued his studies in the New Market Polytechnic Institute. The reports in regard to him are altogether satisfactory. At the late Commencement of said Institute, the degree of A. B. was conferred on him.

Mr. Sox, we learn, pursued his studies in Concordia High School, at Conover, North Carolina, and so did Mr. Rudisill.

1. We would recommend the consideration of the propriety of making appropriations in favor of these young men to enable them to continue to pursue their studies, if they desire so to do.

2. We would recommend, that Synod take such action in regard to beneficiary education, as will, in its judgment, awaken a greater interest in our people in contributing towards this much needed work.

Installation.—We requested Rev. A. L. Crouse, Summit, South Carolina, to install Rev. J. K. Efird, Kaughman's, South Carolina, into his charge, according to the forms of the Church. We learn he performed this solemn duty.

In conclusion, we pray the Great Head of the Church, to preside over us, guiding us in the way of all truth and efficiency, so that our delibera-

tions and transactions, as well as our individual ministrations, may contribute to the honor and glory of God, and the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

The hours of eight o'clock in the morning and two in the afternoon were fixed for the opening of the sessions.

During the intermission, Rev. A. L. Crouse, at the request of the President, preached the synodical sermon. Text, Nehemiah 6, 3.

SECOND SESSION.

2 o'clock.

The Synod convened immediately after the sermon. The roll was called. Revs. J. M. Smith and M. L. Little were appointed tellers, and the election for officers was held.

Officers.

REV. A. J. FOX, M. D., ... *President.*
REV. L. A. FOX, D. D., ... *Secretary.*
REV. J. M. SMITH, ... *Cor. Secretary.*
REV. S. HENKEL, D. D., ... *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. A. Snyder of the Va. Synod and Rev. H. Wetzel were received as advisory members.

The President announced the following

Standing Committees:

I. *President's Report.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, A. L. Crouse, and Mr. P. Killian.

II. *Unfinished Business.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, M. L. Lit tle, and L. M. Zirkle, Esq.

III. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, R. A. Yoder, and Mr. C. M. Efird.

IV. *State of the Church.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, A. L Crouse, and J. C. Moser.

V. *Treasurer's Report*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. W. Hausenfluck, and Mr. C. M. Efird.

VI. *Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.*—Revs. M. L. Fox, J. N. Stirewalt, and Mr. D. F. Judy.

VII. *Missions.*—Revs. S. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and A. L. Crouse.

VIII. *Examination.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the Secretary.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, *Sept.* 12, 8 *o'clock.*

The session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. L. Crouse. The minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

A committee was appointed, on motion, to inquire into the expediency of placing monuments at the graves of Rev. Ambrose Henkel at New Market, Va., and Rev. Philip Henkel at Richland Church, Randolph County, N. C. The committee, Revs. A. J. Fox and S. Henkel.

The committee on Letters and Petitions reported, and the report was considered item by item.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We your committee on Letters and Petitions submit the following report:

1st. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are letters from Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. C. Moser, C. H. Bernheim, J. A. Cromer, J. K. Efird, D. Efird, E. L. Lybrand and P. C. Henkel asking to be excused from this convention of Synod. We recommend that they be excused.

2nd. In No. 2, Rev. J. C. Moser, as chairman of the committee for considering the propriety of receiving the Concordia High School into connection with this Synod, conveys the information that said committee is not prepared to report and requests that the same be continued. We recommend that said committee be continued.

3d. In No. 8, Rev. P. C. Henkel suggests that Synod consider the propriety of forming district Synods of the different Conferences in our connection. We recommend that said suggestion be considered.

4th. No. 9 is a letter from Rev. W. H. Cone, Corresponding Delegate from the Evang. Luth. Synod of North Carolina, to this body, sending fraternal greetings, and expressing his sincere regrets that he is not able to be with us on account of ill health. We recommend that said letter be read before Synod.

5th. Nos. 13 and 14 are petitions from Mt. Pleasant Church and Philadelphia Church, Caldwell County, N. C., praying for the examination, and

if found qualified, the ordination and services of Mr. D. A. Goodman. We recommend that their petitions be granted, and that the Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. M. Smith, and Rev. Yoder be the Committee to attend to this work at said Mt. Pleasant Church, at such time as said congregation deem most convenient.

6th. Nos. 11 and 12 are petitions from St. Luke's, Lincoln Co., N. C., and St. Matthew's churches, King's Mountain, N. C., asking for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination and services of Prof. W. P. Cline. We recommend that said petitions be granted, and that a committee consisting of Revs. A. J. Fox and T. Moser be appointed to do said work.

7th. No. 15 is a copy of Rules that Rev. J. R. Peterson requests to be added to the By-Laws of Synod. We recommend said addition.

1. There shall be appointed at each annual meeting of Synod a committee of three to be known as "The Mission Committee."

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to report to Synod the mission work which shall be performed during the year of their appointment.

3. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries of the several conferences of Synod to report to Synod all the mission work done by the conferences during the year, and into the hands of this committee these reports shall be placed.

8th. No. 16 is a petition from the S. C. Con. of E. L. T. Synod and the members of St. Jacob's church, Lexington County, S. C., praying that the next session of Synod be held in said church. We recommend its adoption.

9th. No. 18 is a letter from our beneficiary, Mr. J. A. Rudisill, asking an appropriation of $150 to pursue his studies at the Capital University, Columbus, O. We recommend that an appropriation of $50 be made, provided there be money enough, to the said J. A. Rudisill, and that he be directed to continue his studies in Concordia High School, Conover, North Carolina.

10th. No. 18 is a letter from a few of the members of St. Peter's (Piney Woods) and St. Jacob's churches, S. C., relating to the unfavorable condition existing between the pastor and said members.

In view of this unfavorable condition, and in view of the fact that the pastor's resignation has not been accepted, be it

Resolved, That this Synod advise the disaffected parties to try to make some satisfactory agreement with the majority, whom, we learn, are in harmony with one another and the pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
R. A. YODER,
C. M. EFIRD.

Item 1st. The recommendation sustained, and the fact noted in the clerical roll.

Item 2nd. The committee was continued That committee is composed of Revs. J. C. Moser, S. Henkel, C. H. Bernheim, and Messrs. A. Costner and C. T. Sigman.

Item 3. The recommendation was not sustained.

Item 4. The letter of Rev. W. H. Cone was read.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Item 8. Adopted. The time was fixed for the Convention at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1882.

Item 9. Adopted.

Pending the consideration of the remaining part of the report the Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 *o'clock.*

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Smith.

Prof. J. S. Koiner was invited to a seat within the body.

The Secretary was directed to publish the Order of Business in the Minutes.

The rule of Synod requiring a written excuse was suspended and Rev. T. Moser was excused for absence from the present Convention.

Item 10 of report on Letters and Petitions was recommitted.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. M. Smith, submitted his report.

Treasurer's Report.

REV. J. M. SMITH IN ACCOUNT WITH
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1880.		
Nov. 12.	To amts. rec'd of different persons at different times.....	$ 60 70
"	" cash of Rev. J. C. Moser.....	40
"	" amt. from former Treasurer.....	42 11
"	" amt. collected by former treasurers and handed to me	3 00
		$106 21

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1880.			
Dec. 24.	By amt. paid Henkel & Co. for printing, binding, and mailing 800 copies of Minutes.....	$ 40 61	
	By amount to balance.....	65 60	
		$106 21	
1881.			
Sept. 13.	To bal. due Synod, in my hands, subject to its order.....		$65 60

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. SMITH, TREASURER.

The Committee on Examination was announced by the President: Revs. S. Henkel, L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel, T. Moser, A. L. Crouse, and D. Efird.

The Committee on President's Report submitted a report which was considered by items.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The Committee on the President's Report find two recommendations:

1st. In reference to two students, Messrs. Sox and Rudisill, who have been receiving aid from the fund of beneficiary education, that appropriations be made for these young men to pursue their studies, if they desire to do so. We submit the following:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the President be sustained, provided the funds of Synod will admit.

2nd. That action be taken in regard to awakening greater interest in the work of beneficiary education.

We recommend that a committee of three, of whom the President of Synod shall be one, be appointed to investigate this matter, and report to this convention of Synod.

A. L. CROUSE,
L. A. FOX,
PHILIP KILLIAN.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, and the President having announced two other members, the committee was constituted of Revs. A. J. Fox, S. Henkel, and A. L. Crouse.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported, which was considered by items and then recommitted.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, have examined the minutes of last Synod and refer

1. To page 11, and recommend that Synod inquire whether that committee have performed their duty.

2. To page 17, on proposed Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws of Synod to be disposed of.

3. To page 7– a committee was appointed to prepare a form of an ordination certificate. Has that committee performed that duty?

4 and 5. As to other items of business, we refer to the appointment of two committees, one to prepare a history of the Synod, and another to collect and have bound a file of the Minutes of this Synod, who have not as yet reported. Are they ready to report?

Respectfully,

J. M. SMITH,
M. L. LITTLE,
L. M. ZIRKLE.

Item 1. Already disposed of.

Item 2. The consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution was postponed until the next convention of the Synod.

Petitions having been presented orally for the ordination of Prof. J. S. Koiner, his examination was appointed at eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Parochial reports were read.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. I. Conder.

In the evening, Rev. M. L. Fox preached; text, Ephs. 4, 4-6. Afterwards Synod engaged in special prayer for Rev. J. S. Bennick in his great affliction.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 8 *o'clock.*

Synod was called to order by the President, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

A letter from Rev. T. Moser, containing his report as Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund and his excuse for absence, was announced as having just been received.

The Committee on Unfinished Business continued its report. This in its completed form is found on a former page.

Item 3. The committee, Revs. S. Henkel and L. A. Fox, was continued.

Item 4. Dr. S. Henkel reported that he was still engaged in gathering material for the history of the Synod.

Item 5. Dr. S. Henkel reported that he had not been able to complete a file of the Minutes.

The examination of Prof. J. S. Koiner was conducted in open Synod by the Committee of Examination.

The examination being entirely satisfactory, the ordination of Prof. Koiner was ordered at the close of the ordination sermon.

By action of Synod, the President, Rev. A. J. Fox, was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, at 1½ o'clock to-day.

The Report of the Committee on Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We your committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report, submit the following:

We have examined that paper and the vouchers which came into our hands, and report that it is correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,
C. M. EFIRD.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

During the recess, as by order of Synod, Rev. A. J. Fox preached the ordination sermon—text, 1 Tim. 4, 16; and Prof. J. S. Koiner was ordained Pastor.

SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 *o'clock.*

Immediately after the ordination the Synod was called to order.

The committee on Letters and Petitions reported the item recommitted. As finally adopted it is found in the

report on another page. Rev. A. L. Crouse was excused from voting.

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund was received and adopted.

Report on Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

We your Committee on Treasurer's Report of Beneficiary Fund have examined said report and find it to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. FOX,
J. N. STIREWALT.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

T. MOSER, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund,
In account with the
Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

1880.		Dr.
Nov. 11,	To cash on hand	$286 75
" " " "	From Rev. J. R. Peterson	16 35
" " " " "	J. W. Craps	7 06
" " " " "	E. L. Lybrand	18 00
" " " " "	J. Cromer	4 25
1881. Dec. 17,	To cash from J. K. Efird	14 45
	Amount	$346 86

In the hands of Rev. S. Henkel.

1880.		Dr.
" Nov. 11,	To cash on hand	$56 40
" Dec. 3,	" " from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt	4 13
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T. MOSER, *Treas. Ben. Fund.*

Rev. T. Moser was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.

Responses were made to the call of President as to compliance with the standing resolution concerning Beneficiary Education.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

In the evening, Rev. M. L. Little preached. Text, John 2: 5.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 *o'clock.*

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Awakening Greater Interest in Beneficiary Education was adopted.

We the Committee, appointed to report on the recommendation of the Committee on the President's report, in regard to awaking a greater interest in Beneficiary Education, would submit the following :

That a Committee of one be appointed in each Conference whose duty it shall be to call, by correspondence or otherwise, attention to the duties relative to this important matter, urging the congregations, through the Ministers or in any other way, to consider the propriety of aiding with their substance this much needed work, by contributing liberally; or to devise some systematic plan for raising means for such purpose, putting them in remembrance of these duties and-privileges.

S. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
A. L. CROUSE.

The Committee was appointed, Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, J. M. Smith, A. L. Crouse.

The Committee on Missions reported which was adopted.

We the Committee appointed to report on Home Mission Work, as reported by the Secretaries of the Conferences in connection with this Synod, would submit the following:

1. The Secretary of the South Carolina Conference reports that some money has been raised for Home Missionary Work, that one point has received some means, and the Executive Committee are endeavoring to establish other missions, and that one of the ministers is performing mission work without material aid from the Society. The prospects are favorable.

2. The Secretary of the Virginia Special Conference reports, that steps have been taken to inaugurate a regular plan for carrying on Home Mission Work in a systematic way, that the work has been progressing steadily, that various points have been selected, that work has been commenced at them, that the indications are encouraging, that there are still other points which will receive due attention, that collections have been taken to aid the work, and that object is, as soon as practicable, to put a Home Missionary in the field with the hope, that the congregations in connection with Conference will be induced to support such a laborer.

3. The Secretary of the North Carolina Conference, has sent no report, and hence we are unable to report anything in regard to that Conference.

S. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. M. SMITH.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted the following which was adopted.

Report on the State of the Church.

A report on the State of the Church is difficult to make. A number of congregations obey the rule of the Synod, and make official reports, but a majority do not. We are compelled to draw very largely upon our general information of the condition of our churches and such facts as we may gather from Parochial reports and the statement of brethren in attendance. Were it in the province of your Committee, we would urge a more general respect to this rule, so important to our acquaintance with the real state of our churches.

It is difficult also to avoid evasive generalities,—words that gloss over the true condition, and give no true and practical idea of it. It is easy to say that there have been lights and shadows, successes and reverses, progress yet not perfect work. This would be a correct statement, but not particular enough to enable us to lay hand upon those things that retard and positively injure, and correct them. If there is disease, it is better for us to confess it frankly to ourselves and apply the remedy.

In looking over the general field, we are encouraged. There are manifest signs of life, and in nothing does that life reveal itself more than in the consciousness of the need of a better state. The evils are great enough to make the living deplore them, but small enough to be overlooked or unfelt by the dying.

Many of our congregations are prosperous. Their pastors labor with success. The Sunday schools are carried on with efficiency. The number of communicants is every year increased. A fact worthy of notice is, that the most prosperous congregations in the bounds of the Synod are in those very sections where there seems to be the most of difficulty, showing that whatever of disease there may be, it is not of the vital organs. Nowhere,

however is there a benevolence at all commensurate with the wants of the church. We are compelled to acknowledge that the contributions to our treasurers are very far below the abilities of the people. Our pastors are very inadequately supported, necessitating a division of time and labor greatly to the detriment of the church. There is need of much more money for missionary work. The time has come when the people must feel that not the ministry alone but they also were commissioned to carry the Gospel to the whole creation, and that the ministry must not do the work and bear the expense also but that they must help by giving. If there was such a spirit of sacrifice among the people as is among our ministry—if they gave only half as much what a full and outflowing treasury we should have!

Of Virginia we can report favorably. There is entire concord among the ministry. Our brethren dwell in fraternal love. For ten years there has not been a single thing that bore the least semblance of discord. The spirit of mutual respect, concession and forbearance makes their association beautiful. Our congregations are slowly building up, and through our missionary efforts new ones are in the process of formation. Our relations with other religious bodies are such that there are very few conflicts between us and them. We carefully avoid encroachments upon the common rights of men and we are suffering perhaps less and less every year from such encroachments upon our rights. We are very far from what we might and ought to be, but yet we are seeking by labor and prayer to advance towards perfection. The greatest hindrance to our work during the year has been the sad affliction of one of our most active and successful ministers, which has deprived his congregations of his regular service. Our progress is hindered much by a disposition of young men to go West and in some communities our losses in this way nearly equal our gains by confirmation. A division of a few of our pastorates would be greatly to their advantage. Instead of seven ministers there ought to be ten or twelve. The people however do not see their ability to support so many.

In N. C. in some respects the state of the church is a sad one. Many of our pastorates are too large. As many as six congregations have only one pastor, and preaching on the Lord's day at some of the churches is had only once in two months. No man can care properly for such a large field. Some of the pastorates are very badly arranged. Some of the pastors go about twenty miles to preach to churches at the door of other pastors. A better division of labor ought by all means to be effected. More ministers could profitably to the church be engaged. The saddest feature is the alienation of feeling which exists between some of the ministers.

There is some divergence in opinion that prevents hearty co-operation but the chief difficulty is personal. There is not that respect for each other which ought to be felt among neighbors and among ministers. Brotherly love is suspended if not destroyed. These unpleasant relations now become known and the effects upon the Church are seen and will continually increase unless they be adjusted. Your committee would willingly step

beyond its province and suggest a remedy if it were able. We must sadly ask with the prophet, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?"

There is a want of united effort in Church work. From some cause they do not heartily and earnestly concentrate upon mission work nor upon any general enterprise. Divided forces are always feeble.

There comes a complaint of a lack of efficiency in Sunday-School work.

There comes also a lamentation of a lack of interest in literature. The people do not read as they should the church periodicals and the valuable books which could so easily be procured. There is a consequent lack of information and interest in the church beyond their own communities.

The absence of the member of the committee from S. C. deprives us of an adequate report from the congregations of that State. We know however that the old difficulties so often brought to the attention of the synod still exist. It is to be hoped that they are to some extent diminishing. We can only pray that by another year that they be forever destroyed. In a matter so long standing there must be mutual wrong and there is need of mutual concession and forbearance. Peace must be sought at a sacrifice and when so great damage comes to the cause of Christ great sacrifices ought to be made.

There is alienation also among the ministers. What shall be said when there is no effort at reconciliation, no spirit of confession, none of forgiveness? What would Paul say? Possibly his rebuke would be more burning than of the lately converted Gentile Christian at Corinth.

We can in conclusion only express our regret that we can not present a fuller and more favorable report.

L. A. FOX,
R. A. YODER.

The following resolution submitted by Prof. R. A. Yoder was adopted:

WHEREAS, the spiritual interests of the colored people, in our territory as elsewhere, are sadly neglected, and,

WHEREAS, their worship, where they have any at all, partakes more of the form of heathenism than Christianity, be it

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Prof. Yoder.

EIGHTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 *o'clock.*

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Smith. The roll was called.

The committee on the matter of monuments for the graves of fathers Henkel, not being prepared to report, was continued.

Rev. A. J. Fox was appointed delegate to the N. C. synod.

An appropriation of $50 was made to J. A. Rudisill, provided he continue his studies in Concordia High School.

No application was made by Mr. Sox.

An appropriation of $140 was made to T. E. Armentrout, to continue his literary studies in Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va.

The following resolutions of thanks and in regard to the number of minutes to be printed was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Synod be unanimously tendered to the pastor and members of Emmanuel congregation, and other friends of the town of New Market and vicinity for their fraternal reception, kind and excellent entertainment of the members during their stay among them.

Resolved, That the President of Synod read this resolution, accompanied with suitable remarks, at the close of services to-night.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the officers of the B. & O. R. R. Company, and of the different Clyde lines passed over, for their kindness in giving members reduced fare over their roads.

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Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place before selected.

In the evening the Secretary preached a sermon, after which the President led the Synod in prayer and pronounced the convention formally adjourned.

L. A. FOX, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—The publishers received a postal from Mr. J. A. Rudisill, in which he states that he will be able to get through the present year without the appropriation made by Synod for him at its last sitting, and requests us to note the fact.

SERMONS.

Saturday.

Morning: Synodical Sermon, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Text, Heb. 6, 3.

Evening: Rev. J. M. Smith, St. Mark 16, 15–16.

Sunday.

Morning: Emmanuel, Rev. A. J. Fox, St. John 15, 1–7. St. Matthew, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder. Forestville, Rev. L. A. Fox.

Evening: Emmanuel, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Rom. 1, 16. Methodist church, Rev. Jno. N. Stirewalt, Ps. 119, 80.

Monday.

Evening: Rev. M. L. Fox, Eph. 4, 4–6.

Tuesday.

Noon: Ordination sermon, Rev. A. J. Fox, 1 Tim. 4, 16.

Evening: Sermon, Rev. M. L. Little, St. John 2, 5.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Curr'nt Exp'nses	Other Objects.
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Note.—This report is very incomplete, in many particulars, and does not show the full strength of, and the actual work done by, the Synod. Some failing to make full reports.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling the Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

Whereas, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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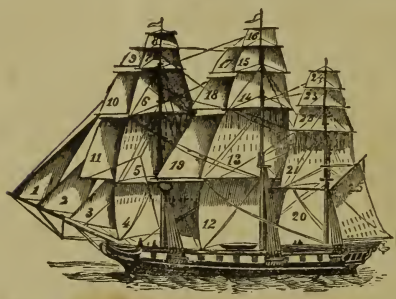

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Revs. L. A. FOX, D. D., A. L. CROUSE, J. C. MOSER.

On Examination:

Revs. S. HENKEL, D. D., L. A. FOX, D. D., P. C. HENKEL, T. MOSER, A. L. CROUSE, D. EFIRD.

Place and Time of the Next Meeting:

The next Convention will be held in St. Jacob's Church, Lexington County, S. C., commencing on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October, 1882.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTH. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

NEW MARKET, VA.,
Sept. 10, 1881.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD assembled in its Sixty-first Annual Convention in Emmanuel's Church, New Market, Va., Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., pastor—on Saturday, 10th day of September, 1881. Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Rev. Dr. Henkel. Rev. L. A. Fox was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.* The roll of ministers was called and absentees noted.

Clerical Roll.

	Names.	Residences.
1	Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" J. R. Peterson*	Dallas, "
3	" T. Moser*	Mt. Pleasant, "
4	" P. C. Henkel*	Conover, "
5	" S. Henkel, D. D	New Market, Va.
6	" D. Efird*	Pine Ridge, S. C.
7	" J. M. Smith	Conover, N. C.
8	" I. Conder	McGaheysville, Va.
9	" J. N. Stirewalt	Stony Man, Va.
10	" J. S. Bennick	Forestville, "
11	" M. L. Fox, M. D	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	" J. C. Moser*	China Grove, "
13	" M. L. Little	Lincolnton, "
14	" L. A. Fox, D. D	Waynesboro, Va.
15	" A. L. Crouse	Summit, S. C.
16	" J. P. Stirewalt	New Market, Va.
17	" J. W. Hausenfluck	Grove Hill, Va.
18	" E. L. Lybrand*	Columbia, S. C.
19	" J. K. Efird*	Summit, S. C.
20	" J. A. Cromer*	Columbia, S. C.
21	" Prof. R. A. Yoder	Conover, N. C.
22	" C. H. Bernheim*	Lexington, N. C.
23	" Prof. J. S. Koiner	Waynesboro, Va.

*Absent and Excused.

The following Lay-Delegates were enrolled as members of the present Convention.

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Christian Printz,	Morning Star, Va.
John D. Printz,	Mt. Calvary, "
J. J. Shank,	St. Mark's, Luray, Va.
A. J. Sillings,	St. Paul's, (Augusta) Va.
D. P. Dellinger,	St. Jacob's, Va.
Wm. Coffman,	St. Matthew's, Va.
J. B. Hess,	Mt. Zion, "
L. M. Zirkel,	Emmanuel, "
N. W. Bowman,	Bethany, "
Phil. Killian,	Bethlehem, "
Wm. H. Areheart,	Rader's, "
Calvin F. Moser,	Melanchthon, N. C.
C. M. Efird,	St. James and others, S. C.
Harrison Pence,	Solomon's, Va.
David Funkhouser,	Powder Springs, Va.
Joel Fultz,	St. Paul's, (Page) Va.
J. R. Miller,	St. Paul's, (Shenandoah) Va.
D. F. Judy,	St. William's, Va.
D. F. Miller,	Trinity, "
G. Sours,	Grace, "
J. J. Long,	Zion, (Shenandoah) Va.
Thos. E. Armentrout,	McGaheysville, Va.

Letters and Petitions were called for and presented and placed in the hands of a special Committee, constituted of Revs. J. M. Smith and R. A. Yoder, for arrangement and classification.

The President, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., read his annual report, which was received and held for the Committee to be subsequently appointed.

President's Report.

Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus:—May grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with us.

It is through the kind, beneficent providence of our merciful Father in heaven, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical

year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in our Sixty-first annual Convention, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, sympathize with each other, counsel and encourage each other, devise the best and most judicious means for promoting the Gospel, maintaining and perpetuating the sacred, saving and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and entireness, and for the upbuilding and extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom here on earth.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, devoutly raising our hearts, in gratitude and thankfulness, to the Father of Lights, the Giver of all Good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring him for a continuance of his blessings and tender mercies.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren in connection with our Synod, have been preserved during the past Synodical year, whilst the deaths among our lay-members have been rather unusually numerous, especially among the more advanced in age. The health of our Synod, however, in a physical, moral, and spiritual point of view, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

Official Acts.—During the Synodical year, we have performed few official acts. The changes, during the year, in our Synod have not been numerous.

Relative to our beneficiaries, in pursuance of a resolution making appropriations, we issued an order on the Treasurer, Rev. T. Moser, in favor of Mr. D. A. Sox, of South Carolina, for One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars; one on the same, in favor of Mr. Thomas E. Armentrout, of Virginia, for One Hundred Dollars ; and one, on the same, in favor of Mr. J. A. Rudisill, of North Carolina, for Fifty Dollars.

Mr. Armentrout pursued his studies in the New Market Polytechnic Institute. The reports in regard to him are altogether satisfactory. At the late Commencement of said Institute, the degree of A. B. was conferred on him.

Mr. Sox, we learn, pursued his studies in Concordia High School, at Conover, North Carolina, and so did Mr. Rudisill.

1. We would recommend the consideration of the propriety of making appropriations in favor of these young men to enable them to continue to pursue their studies, if they desire so to do.

2. We would recommend, that Synod take such action in regard to beneficiary education, as will, in its judgment, awaken a greater interest in our people in contributing towards this much needed work.

Installation.—We requested Rev. A. L. Crouse, Summit, South Carolina, to install Rev. J. K. Efird, Kaughman's, South Carolina, into his charge, according to the forms of the Church. We learn he performed this solemn duty.

In conclusion, we pray the Great Head of the Church, to preside over us, guiding us in the way of all truth and efficiency, so that our delibera-

tions and transactions, as well as our individual ministrations, may contribute to the honor and glory of God, and the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

SOCRATES HENKEL.

The hours of eight o'clock in the morning and two in the afternoon were fixed for the opening of the sessions.

During the intermission, Rev. A. L. Crouse, at the request of the President, preached the synodical sermon. Text, Nehemiah 6, 3.

SECOND SESSION.

2 o'clock.

The Synod convened immediately after the sermon. The roll was called. Revs. J. M. Smith and M. L. Little were appointed tellers, and the election for officers was held.

Officers.

REV. A. J. FOX, M. D., ... *President.*
REV. L. A. FOX, D. D., ... *Secretary.*
REV. J. M. SMITH, ... *Cor. Secretary.*
REV. S. HENKEL, D. D., ... *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. A. Snyder of the Va. Synod and Rev. H. Wetzel were received as advisory members.

The President announced the following

Standing Committees:

I. *President's Report.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, A. L. Crouse, and Mr. P. Killian.

II. *Unfinished Business.*—Revs. J. M. Smith, M. L. Little, and L. M. Zirkle, Esq.

III. *Letters and Petitions.*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, R. A. Yoder, and Mr. C. M. Efird.

IV. *State of the Church.*—Revs. L. A. Fox, A. L Crouse, and J. C. Moser.

V. *Treasurer's Report*—Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. W. Hausenfluck, and Mr. C. M. Efird.

VI. *Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.*—Revs. M. L. Fox, J. N. Stirewalt, and Mr. D. F. Judy.

VII. *Missions.*—Revs. S. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and A. L. Crouse.

VIII. *Examination.*—Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., L. A. Fox, D. D.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by the Secretary.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, *Sept.* 12, 8 *o'clock.*

The session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. L. Crouse. The minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

A committee was appointed, on motion, to inquire into the expediency of placing monuments at the graves of Rev. Ambrose Henkel at New Market, Va., and Rev. Philip Henkel at Richland Church, Randolph County, N. C. The committee, Revs. A. J. Fox and S. Henkel.

The committee on Letters and Petitions reported, and the report was considered item by item.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We your committee on Letters and Petitions submit the following report:

1st. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are letters from Revs. J. R. Peterson, J. C. Moser, C. H. Bernheim, J. A. Cromer, J. K. Efird, D. Efird, E. L. Lybrand and P. C. Henkel asking to be excused from this convention of Synod. We recommend that they be excused.

2nd. In No. 2, Rev. J. C. Moser, as chairman of the committee for considering the propriety of receiving the Concordia High School into connection with this Synod, conveys the information that said committee is not prepared to report and requests that the same be continued. We recommend that said committee be continued.

3d. In No. 8, Rev. P. C. Henkel suggests that Synod consider the propriety of forming district Synods of the different Conferences in our connection. We recommend that said suggestion be considered.

4th. No. 9 is a letter from Rev. W. H. Cone, Corresponding Delegate from the Evang. Luth. Synod of North Carolina, to this body, sending fraternal greetings, and expressing his sincere regrets that he is not able to be with us on account of ill health. We recommend that said letter be read before Synod.

5th. Nos. 13 and 14 are petitions from Mt. Pleasant Church and Philadelphia Church, Caldwell County, N. C., praying for the examination, and

if found qualified, the ordination and services of Mr. D. A. Goodman. We recommend that their petitions be granted, and that the Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. M. Smith, and Rev. Yoder be the Committee to attend to this work at said Mt. Pleasant Church, at such time as said congregation deem most convenient.

6th. Nos. 11 and 12 are petitions from St. Luke's, Lincoln Co., N. C., and St. Matthew's churches, King's Mountain, N. C., asking for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination and services of Prof. W. P. Cline. We recommend that said petitions be granted, and that a committee consisting of Revs. A. J. Fox and T. Moser be appointed to do said work.

7th. No. 15 is a copy of Rules that Rev. J. R. Peterson requests to be added to the By-Laws of Synod. We recommend said addition.

1. There shall be appointed at each annual meeting of Synod a committee of three to be known as "The Mission Committee."

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to report to Synod the mission work which shall be performed during the year of their appointment.

3. It shall be the duty of the Secretaries of the several conferences of Synod to report to Synod all the mission work done by the conferences during the year, and into the hands of this committee these reports shall be placed.

8th. No. 16 is a petition from the S. C. Con. of E. L. T. Synod and the members of St. Jacob's church, Lexington County, S. C., praying that the next session of Synod be held in said church. We recommend its adoption.

9th. No. 18 is a letter from our beneficiary, Mr. J. A. Rudisill, asking an appropriation of $150 to pursue his studies at the Capital University, Columbus, O. We recommend that an appropriation of $50 be made, provided there be money enough, to the said J. A. Rudisill, and that he be directed to continue his studies in Concordia High School, Conover, North Carolina.

10th. No. 18 is a letter from a few of the members of St. Peter's (Piney Woods) and St. Jacob's churches, S. C., relating to the unfavorable condition existing between the pastor and said members.

In view of this unfavorable condition, and in view of the fact that the pastor's resignation has not been accepted, be it

Resolved, That this Synod advise the disaffected parties to try to make some satisfactory agreement with the majority, whom, we learn, are in harmony with one another and the pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
R. A. YODER,
C. M. EFIRD.

Item 1st. The recommendation sustained, and the fact noted in the clerical roll.

Item 2nd. The committee was continued That committee is composed of Revs. J. C. Moser, S. Henkel, C. H. Bernheim, and Messrs. A. Costner and C. T. Sigman.

Item 3. The recommendation was not sustained.

Item 4. The letter of Rev. W. H. Cone was read.

Item 5. Adopted.

Item 6. Adopted.

Item 7. Adopted.

Item 8. Adopted. The time was fixed for the Convention at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1882.

Item 9. Adopted.

Pending the consideration of the remaining part of the report the Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY, 2 *o'clock.*

Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Smith.

Prof. J. S. Koiner was invited to a seat within the body.

The Secretary was directed to publish the Order of Business in the Minutes.

The rule of Synod requiring a written excuse was suspended and Rev. T. Moser was excused for absence from the present Convention.

Item 10 of report on Letters and Petitions was recommitted.

The Treasurer, Rev. J. M. Smith, submitted his report.

Treasurer's Report.

REV. J. M. SMITH IN ACCOUNT WITH
J. M. SMITH. DR.

1880.		
Nov. 12.	To amts. rec'd of different persons at different times.....	$ 60 70
"	" cash of Rev. J. C. Moser.....	40
"	" amt. from former Treasurer.....	42 11
"	" amt. collected by former treasurers and handed to me	3 00
		$106 21

1880. CR.

Dec. 24.	By amt. paid Henkel & Co. for printing, binding, and mailing 800 copies of Minutes.....	$ 40 61
	By amount to balance.....	65 60
		$106 21

1881.
Sept. 13. To bal. due Synod, in my hands, subject to its order..... $65 60

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. SMITH, TREASURER.

The Committee on Examination was announced by the President: Revs. S. Henkel, L. A. Fox, P. C. Henkel, T. Moser, A. L. Crouse, and D. Efird.

The Committee on President's Report submitted a report which was considered by items.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The Committee on the President's Report find two recommendations:

1st. In reference to two students, Messrs. Sox and Rudisill, who have been receiving aid from the fund of beneficiary education, that appropriations be made for these young men to pursue their studies, if they desire to do so. We submit the following:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the President be sustained, provided the funds of Synod will admit.

2nd. That action be taken in regard to awakening greater interest in the work of beneficiary education.

We recommend that a committee of three, of whom the President of Synod shall be one, be appointed to investigate this matter, and report to this convention of Synod.

A. L. CROUSE,
L. A. FOX,
PHILIP KILLIAN.

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Adopted, and the President having announced two other members, the committee was constituted of Revs. A. J. Fox, S. Henkel, and A. L. Crouse.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported, which was considered by items and then recommitted.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, have examined the minutes of last Synod and refer

1. To page 11, and recommend that Synod inquire whether that committee have performed their duty.

2. To page 17, on proposed Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws of Synod to be disposed of.

3. To page 7– a committee was appointed to prepare a form of an ordination certificate. Has that committee performed that duty?

4 and 5. As to other items of business, we refer to the appointment of two committees, one to prepare a history of the Synod, and another to collect and have bound a file of the Minutes of this Synod, who have not as yet reported. Are they ready to report?

Respectfully,

J. M. SMITH,
M. L. LITTLE,
L. M. ZIRKLE.

Item 1. Already disposed of.

Item 2. The consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution was postponed until the next convention of the Synod.

Petitions having been presented orally for the ordination of Prof. J. S. Koiner, his examination was appointed at eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Parochial reports were read.

Synod adjourned. Prayer by Rev. I. Conder.

In the evening, Rev. M. L. Fox preached; text, Ephs. 4, 4-6. Afterwards Synod engaged in special prayer for Rev. J. S. Bennick in his great affliction.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 8 *o'clock.*

Synod was called to order by the President, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck. Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

A letter from Rev. T. Moser, containing his report as Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund and his excuse for absence, was announced as having just been received.

The Committee on Unfinished Business continued its report. This in its completed form is found on a former page.

Item 3. The committee, Revs. S. Henkel and L. A. Fox, was continued.

Item 4. Dr. S. Henkel reported that he was still engaged in gathering material for the history of the Synod.

Item 5. Dr. S. Henkel reported that he had not been able to complete a file of the Minutes.

The examination of Prof. J. S. Koiner was conducted in open Synod by the Committee of Examination.

The examination being entirely satisfactory, the ordination of Prof. Koiner was ordered at the close of the ordination sermon.

By action of Synod, the President, Rev. A. J. Fox, was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, at 1½ o'clock to-day.

The Report of the Committee on Treasurer's Report was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

We your committee, appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report, submit the following:

We have examined that paper and the vouchers which came into our hands, and report that it is correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK,
C. M. EFIRD.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

During the recess, as by order of Synod, Rev. A. J. Fox preached the ordination sermon—text, 1 Tim. 4, 16; and Prof. J. S. Koiner was ordained Pastor.

SIXTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 *o'clock.*

Immediately after the ordination the Synod was called to order.

The committee on Letters and Petitions reported the item recommitted. As finally adopted it is found in the

report on another page. Rev. A. L. Crouse was excused from voting.

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund was received and adopted.

Report on Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

We your Committee on Treasurer's Report of Beneficiary Fund have examined said report and find it to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX,
J. N. STIREWALT.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

T. MOSER, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund,
In account with the
Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

1880.		Dr.
Nov. 11,	To cash on hand	$286 75
" " " "	From Rev. J. R. Peterson	16 35
" " " " "	J. W. Craps	7 06
" " " " "	E. L. Lybrand	18 00
" " " " "	J. Cromer	4 25
1881. Dec. 17,	To cash from J. K. Efird	14 45
	Amount	$346 86

In the hands of Rev. S. Henkel.

1880.		Dr.
" Nov. 11,	To cash on hand	$56 40
" Dec. 3,	" " from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt	4 13
1881. Feb. 16,	" " " Rev. P. Stirewalt	3 44
	Amount	$63 97

1881.		Cr.
Feb. 16,	By cash paid Thos. E. Armentrout	$ 63 97
1880. Nov. 15,	By cash paid D. A. Sox	125 00
1881. Feb. 16,	By cash paid Thos. E. Armentrout	36 03
" July 28,	By cash paid J. A. Rudisill,	50 00
	Amount	$211.03

Balance in my hands.....$135 83
Deduct for postage..... 13

T. MOSER, *Treas. Ben. Fund.*

Rev. T. Moser was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund.

Responses were made to the call of President as to compliance with the standing resolution concerning Beneficiary Education.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. N. Stirewalt.

In the evening, Rev. M. L. Little preached. Text, John 2: 5.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 *o'clock.*

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Awakening Greater Interest in Beneficiary Education was adopted.

We the Committee, appointed to report on the recommendation of the Committee on the President's report, in regard to awaking a greater interest in Beneficiary Education, would submit the following :

That a Committee of one be appointed in each Conference whose duty it shall be to call, by correspondence or otherwise, attention to the duties relative to this important matter, urging the congregations, through the Ministers or in any other way, to consider the propriety of aiding with their substance this much needed work, by contributing liberally; or to devise some systematic plan for raising means for such purpose, putting them in remembrance of these duties and privileges.

S. HENKEL,
A. J. FOX,
A. L. CROUSE.

The Committee was appointed, Revs. J. N. Stirewalt, J. M. Smith, A. L. Crouse.

The Committee on Missions reported which was adopted.

We the Committee appointed to report on Home Mission Work, as reported by the Secretaries of the Conferences in connection with this Synod, would submit the following:

1. The Secretary of the South Carolina Conference reports that some money has been raised for Home Missionary Work, that one point has received some means, and the Executive Committee are endeavoring to establish other missions, and that one of the ministers is performing mission work without material aid from the Society. The prospects are favorable.

2. The Secretary of the Virginia Special Conference reports, that steps have been taken to inaugurate a regular plan for carrying on Home Mission Work in a systematic way, that the work has been progressing steadily, that various points have been selected, that work has been commenced at them, that the indications are encouraging, that there are still other points which will receive due attention, that collections have been taken to aid the work, and that object is, as soon as practicable, to put a Home Missionary in the field with the hope, that the congregations in connection with Conference will be induced to support such a laborer.

3. The Secretary of the North Carolina Conference, has sent no report, and hence we are unable to report anything in regard to that Conference.

S. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. M. SMITH.

The Committee on the State of the Church submitted the following which was adopted.

Report on the State of the Church.

A report on the State of the Church is difficult to make. A number of congregations obey the rule of the Synod, and make official reports, but a majority do not. We are compelled to draw very largely upon our general information of the condition of our churches and such facts as we may gather from Parochial reports and the statement of brethren in attendance. Were it in the province of your Committee, we would urge a more general respect to this rule, so important to our acquaintance with the real state of our churches.

It is difficult also to avoid evasive generalities,—words that gloss over the true condition, and give no true and practical idea of it. It is easy to say that there have been lights and shadows, successes and reverses, progress yet not perfect work. This would be a correct statement, but not particular enough to enable us to lay hand upon those things that retard and positively injure, and correct them. If there is disease, it is better for us to confess it frankly to ourselves and apply the remedy.

In looking over the general field, we are encouraged. There are manifest signs of life, and in nothing does that life reveal itself more than in the consciousness of the need of a better state. The evils are great enough to make the living deplore them, but small enough to be overlooked or unfelt by the dying.

Many of our congregations are prosperous. Their pastors labor with success. The Sunday schools are carried on with efficiency. The number of communicants is every year increased. A fact worthy of notice is, that the most prosperous congregations in the bounds of the Synod are in those very sections where there seems to be the most of difficulty, showing that whatever of disease there may be, it is not of the vital organs. Nowhere,

however is there a benevolence at all commensurate with the wants of the church. We are compelled to acknowledge that the contributions to our treasurers are very far below the abilities of the people. Our pastors are very inadequately supported, necessitating a division of time and labor greatly to the detriment of the church. There is need of much more money for missionary work. The time has come when the people must feel that not the ministry alone but they also were commissioned to carry the Gospel to the whole creation, and that the ministry must not do the work and bear the expense also but that they must help by giving. If there was such a spirit of sacrifice among the people as is among our ministry—if they gave only half as much what a full and outflowing treasury we should have!

Of Virginia we can report favorably. There is entire concord among the ministry. Our brethren dwell in fraternal love. For ten years there has not been a single thing that bore the least semblance of discord. The spirit of mutual respect, concession and forbearance makes their association beautiful. Our congregations are slowly building up, and through our missionary efforts new ones are in the process of formation. Our relations with other religious bodies are such that there are very few conflicts between us and them. We carefully avoid encroachments upon the common rights of men and we are suffering perhaps less and less every year from such encroachments upon our rights. We are very far from what we might and ought to be, but yet we are seeking by labor and prayer to advance towards perfection. The greatest hindrance to our work during the year has been the sad affliction of one of our most active and successful ministers, which has deprived his congregations of his regular service. Our progress is hindered much by a disposition of young men to go West and in some communities our losses in this way nearly equal our gains by confirmation. A division of a few of our pastorates would be greatly to their advantage. Instead of seven ministers there ought to be ten or twelve. The people however do not see their ability to support so many.

In N. C. in some respects the state of the church is a sad one. Many of our pastorates are too large. As many as six congregations have only one pastor, and preaching on the Lord's day at some of the churches is had only once in two months. No man can care properly for such a large field. Some of the pastorates are very badly arranged. Some of the pastors go about twenty miles to preach to churches at the door of other pastors. A better division of labor ought by all means to be effected. More ministers could profitably to the church be engaged. The saddest feature is the alienation of feeling which exists between some of the ministers.

There is some divergence in opinion that prevents hearty co-operation but the chief difficulty is personal. There is not that respect for each other which ought to be felt among neighbors and among ministers. Brotherly love is suspended if not destroyed. These unpleasant relations now become known and the effects upon the Church are seen and will continually increase unless they be adjusted. Your committee would willingly step

beyond its province and suggest a remedy if it were able. We must sadly ask with the prophet, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?"

There is a want of united effort in Church work. From some cause they do not heartily and earnestly concentrate upon mission work nor upon any general enterprise. Divided forces are always feeble.

There comes a complaint of a lack of efficiency in Sunday-School work.

There comes also a lamentation of a lack of interest in literature. The people do not read as they should the church periodicals and the valuable books which could so easily be procured. There is a consequent lack of information and interest in the church beyond their own communities.

The absence of the member of the committee from S. C. deprives us of an adequate report from the congregations of that State. We know however that the old difficulties so often brought to the attention of the synod still exist. It is to be hoped that they are to some extent diminishing. We can only pray that by another year that they be forever destroyed. In a matter so long standing there must be mutual wrong and there is need of mutual concession and forbearance. Peace must be sought at a sacrifice and when so great damage comes to the cause of Christ great sacrifices ought to be made.

There is alienation also among the ministers. What shall be said when there is no effort at reconciliation, no spirit of confession, none of forgiveness? What would Paul say? Possibly his rebuke would be more burning than of the lately converted Gentile Christian at Corinth.

We can in conclusion only express our regret that we can not present a fuller and more favorable report.

L. A. FOX,
R. A. YODER.

The following resolution submitted by Prof. R. A. Yoder was adopted:

WHEREAS, the spiritual interests of the colored people, in our territory as elsewhere, are sadly neglected, and,

WHEREAS, their worship, where they have any at all, partakes more of the form of heathenism than Christianity, be it

Resolved, That the ministers of this Synod make all efforts in their power to educate religiously the colored people, by preaching, lecturing, and catechisation, with a view sooner or later of getting men of their own color to look after the spiritual interests of their race in connection with the Lutheran church.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Prof. Yoder.

EIGHTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 *o'clock.*

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Smith. The roll was called.

The committee on the matter of monuments for the graves of fathers Henkel, not being prepared to report, was continued.

Rev. A. J. Fox was appointed delegate to the N. C. synod.

An appropriation of $50 was made to J. A. Rudisill, provided he continue his studies in Concordia High School.

No application was made by Mr. Sox.

An appropriation of $140 was made to T. E. Armentrout, to continue his literary studies in Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va.

The following resolutions of thanks and in regard to the number of minutes to be printed was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Synod be unanimously tendered to the pastor and members of Emmanuel congregation, and other friends of the town of New Market and vicinity for their fraternal reception, kind and excellent entertainment of the members during their stay among them.

Resolved, That the President of Synod read this resolution, accompanied with suitable remarks, at the close of services to-night.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the officers of the B. & O. R. R. Company, and of the different Clyde lines passed over, for their kindness in giving members reduced fare over their roads.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the minutes of this convention of Synod printed to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies, each general body of Lutherans in this country one copy, our institutions of learning one copy each, our Lutheran publications two copies each, and our Beneficiaries one copy each.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place before selected.

In the evening the Secretary preached a sermon, after which the President led the Synod in prayer and pronounced the convention formally adjourned.

L. A. FOX, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—The publishers received a postal from Mr. J. A. Rudisill, in which he states that he will be able to get through the present year without the appropriation made by Synod for him at its last sitting, and requests us to note the fact.

SERMONS.

Saturday.

Morning: Synodical Sermon, Rev. A. L. Crouse, Text, Heb. 6, 3.

Evening: Rev. J. M. Smith, St. Mark 16, 15–16.

Sunday.

Morning: Emmanuel, Rev. A. J. Fox, St. John 15, 1–7. St. Matthew, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder. Forestville, Rev. L. A. Fox.

Evening: Emmanuel, Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Rom. 1, 16. Methodist church, Rev. Jno. N. Stirewalt, Ps. 119, 80.

Monday.

Evening: Rev. M. L. Fox, Eph. 4, 4–6.

Tuesday.

Noon: Ordination sermon, Rev. A. J. Fox, 1 Tim. 4, 16.

Evening: Sermon, Rev. M. L. Little, St. John 2, 5.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Curr'nt Exp'nses	Other Objects.
Rev. A. J. Fox,	1837	5	500	31	2	12	22	18	...	3	22	160	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
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" R. A. Yoder,	1878	2	180	17	...	2	...	..	..	1	6	40	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
" D. A. Goodman,		3	117	10	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	.....	1	1 15	.....	.....	.....

Note.—This report is very incomplete, in many particulars, and does not show the full strength of, and the actual work done by, the Synod. Some failing to make full reports.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling the Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested, to preach at least one sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation, in the doctrines and usages of our church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Convention will be held in Concordia Church, Conover, Catawba County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first full moon in October, 1883.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

LEXINGTON COUNTY, S. C.,
OCT. 14, 1882.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD convened in its Sixty-Second Annual Session in St. Jacob Church, Lexington County, S. C., on Saturday, October 14, 1882. The congregation being vacant, Rev. A. L. Crouse, at the request of the Council, conducted devotional exercises. The President, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, preached the Synodical Sermon from 1 Cor. 4, 1, 2.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.* The clerical roll was called and the absentees noted.

Roll of Ministers.

	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1	Rev. A. J. FOX, M. D.,	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" P. C. HENKEL,	Conover, "
3	" J. R. PETERSON,	Dallas, "
4	" T. MOSER,*	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
5	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
6	" S. HENKEL, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
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8	" J. M. SMITH,†	Conover, "
9	" I. CONDER,	McGaheysville, Va.
10	" L. A. FOX, D. D.,*	Salem, Va.
11	" J. N. STIREWALT,†	Stony Man, Va.
12	" A. L. CROUSE,	Waynesboro, "
13	" M. L. FOX, M. D.,†	Conover, N. C.

*Excused. † Not excused.

	Names.	Residences.
14	Rev. J. P. Strewalt,	New Market, Va.
15	" M. L. Little,	Dallas, N. C.
16	" J. C. Moser,*	Conover, "
17	" J. W. Hausenfluck,*	Alma, Va.
18	" J. K. Efird,	Caughman's Store, S. C.
19	" J. A. Cromer,	Columbia, S. C.
20	" E. L. Lybrand,	" "
21	" R. A. Yoder,*	Conover, N. C.
22	" J. S. Koiner,	Conover, N. C.
23	" D. A. Goodman,	Gamewell, N. C.
24	" W. P. Cline,	Newton, N. C.

Candidates for the Ministry.

Mr. D. J. Suttlemyer,	Dallas, N. C.
Mr. J. A. Rudisill,	Jug Town, N. C.
Mr. T. E. Armentrout,	Waynesboro', Va.

Beneficiaries.

Mr. P. C. Wyke,	Conover, N. C.
Mr. D. A. Sox,	Conover, N. C.

The following Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election and their names were enrolled as members of Synod.

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Dr. J. W. Eargle,	St. Jacob, South Carolina.
Carroll Bookman,	Bethlehem, " "
Thos. N. Epting,	St. John, " "
C. M. Efird,	St. Peter's, (Piny Woods) South Carolina.
Col. G. H. Chapman,	St. Thomas, South Carolina.
Lewis Shealey,	St. James, " "
A. L. Eargle,	Cedar Grove, " "
E. S. Sease,	St. Paul's, " "
Maj. H. A. Meetze,	St. Peter's, (Meetze) South Carolina.
Geo. S. Drafts,	Zion, South Carolina.
J. P. Price,	Emmanuel. South Carolina.
Emmanuel Laminack,	St. Michael, Alabama.
C. B. Sikes,	Emmanuel and Morning Star, N. C.
Q. Y. Stroup,	Christ and Sharon, N. C.
Jacob K. Rhyne,	Trinity, St. Mark, and Philadelphia, N. C.
A. J. Cansler,	Grace, Salem, St. Luke, Holy Trinity, N. C.
P. C. Wyke,	St. Stephen, St. Peter, Friendship, Salem, N. C.
W. A. Smith,	St. John, St. Paul. Piny Grove, N. C.
D. A. Sox,	St. James, Concordia, N. C.

*Excused. †Not Excused.

The Rule of Order concerning the reading of the President's Report was suspended.

Revs. A. L. Crouse and J. S. Koiner were appointed tellers, and an election for officers was held with the following result:

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.,	- - -	President.
" J. Paul Stirewalt,	- - -	Rec. Secretary.
" J. M. Smith,	- - - - -	Cor. Secretary.
" M. L. Little,	- - - - -	Treasurer.

The President, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, read his Annual Report, which was received and properly reserved for the Committee yet to be appointed.

President's Annual Report.

Dear Brethren in Christ:—In the course of events, another year in the history of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, has passed. And in the Providence of our kind Heavenly Father, some of us are, once more, permitted to assemble ourselves together in Synodical Convention—professedly to confer with each other, and deliberate upon the best means by which the great interests of that portion of the Church of Christ committed to our care, may be best promoted. It is to be sincerely hoped, that none of us have come here with any feelings or motives contrary to the Holy Religion we profess; for in its beneficent provisions, that Religion utterly precludes all merely ambitious and selfish aspirations. Nothing but pure love to God, and an ardent desire for the salvation of our fellow men, should be allowed to actuate any one in the work of meetings of this kind.

We should be sincerely grateful to the Great Head of the Church for the special care he has exercised over us, during the year that has gone by, as well as for the many years of our former existence, as a Synod. With one single exception, the lives and a reasonable degree of health have been preserved to all the Ministers of our connection, since we were last assembled; and that all have been permitted in some way, to some extent, to be engaged in the great work of our Divine Master.

Official Acts.—The rule of custom, as well as the law of our Synod, require me, as the Presiding Officer of this Synod, to render some account of my official transactions during the year now ended. There seems to me to be some considerable defect in this matter, which may be the result of some oversight or misapprehension in regard to making the necessary reports to, and demands upon, the Presiding Officer of Synod, which will enable him to make a correct statement of what things may have transpired during his term of office within the bounds of Synod. At any rate,

such reports are often very defective, for the want of proper data. On this account, this report must necessarily be very imperfect.

Some time after the last Convention of Synod, I received a letter from our beneficiary, Thomas E. Armentrout, requesting me to issue an order upon the Treasurer of this Synod for the amount appropriated to him by a resolution of last Convention. I immediately sent an order to him for One Hundred and Forty Dollars ($140.00), which I presume he received in due time, though I have heard nothing from him since.

The appropriation made to J. A. Rudisill of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) has not been called for.

Some time last Spring, I received a communication from Rev. W. M. Gilbreath, a member of the East Ohio Synod, asking for a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of our Synod; and stating that he and his congregations were somewhat dissatisfied with their Synodical relations, and were thinking of asking a connection with this Synod. I immediately forwarded to him the required documents, and asked for a copy of the Minutes of the last Convention of his Synod. Soon afterwards, I received the Minutes, but otherwise have heard nothing from him.

On the 9th day of October, 1881, I resigned my Pastoral connection with St. Luke's Church, Lincoln County, N. C., and Rev. W. P. Cline was immediately elected as my successor, and as he was present he accepted the call. On the day following he was publicly ordained, as per order of Synod, and being President this year, by request of the congregation and consent of the Pastor-elect, in obedience to a rule of Synod, I also publicly installed him as Pastor of the congregation.

On the 22nd day of last April, I publicly installed the officers of a new congregation at Mt. Holley, in Gaston County, N. C. On the day following, by request, I dedicated a new house of worship at that place, and it received the name of the place—Mount Holley. Prof. Junius B. Fox, a candidate for the Ministry, is supplying them with regular, monthly services. Our prospects there are truly flattering.

Some time last July, I received a communication from Rev. A. L. Crouse, informing me that he had received and accepted a call from Bethlehem E. L. Congregation, near Waynesboro, Augusta County, Va., which had lately become vacant by the resignation of Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., to accept a call to the Professorship of Mental and Moral Science in Roanoke College. In obedience to the custom of Lutheran Synods, as well as to comply with a special rule adopted by this Synod at her Convention in 1872, he requested me, as the President of Synod, to appoint a committee to regularly install him Pastor of said congregation at an early day. I immediately wrote to Revs. Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D., and Irenaeus Conder, appointing them to perform this duty. Soon after I received a letter from Prof. L. A. Fox, stating that it would not be convenient for him to discharge the duty assigned the committee, very soon, but would do so as soon as convenient.

Since then I have not heard from any of the parties concerned, but I have no doubt that if the thing has not yet been done, in due time it will be attended to.

In his communication, Rev. Crouse also informs me, that by his removal his late Pastorate—St. James' and St. Thomas' congregations, in Lexington County, S. C., are rendered vacant.

Some time in the month of August, I received a communication from Rev. Daniel Efird, officially informing me that he has resigned the Pastoral oversight of his congregations—St. John's, St. Peter's, St. Jacob's, and Bethlehem Churches, in Lexington County, S. C., and that they are consequently vacant.

Early in this month, I received a postal from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, officially informing me that he has resigned his former Pastorate, and has accepted a call from the late Pastorate of our deceased and much lamented brother, Rev. J. S. Bennick. He also informed me that his late Pastorate is now vacant, and that St. Stephen's Church, near Strasburg, until lately in connection with the Concordia District of the Ohio Synod, has severed its connection with that Synod and united with his former Pastorate, and will apply for admission into this Synod at its present Convention.

Very lately I received a letter from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, informing me that he has within the last synodical year organized two new congregations, and added them to his Pastorate, viz.: Alma Fairview and Cedar Point, which will make application to be received into connection with this Synod during this Convention.

Inasmuch as the 3rd Section of Art. I. of the By-Laws of this Synod require the President "to make a statement of all important events that have occurred relating to Synod, which may have come to his knowledge," I feel it my duty to report some additional things which have occurred, and, properly, should have been officially reported to me, but by some means have not been furnished me;—having seen some of them stated in the public prints, and heard of others from reliable sources:

I have heard that Revs. J. S. Koiner, J. C. Moser and Dr. M. L. Fox have removed from their former places of residence, and that the two former have taken, each, a Professorship in Concordia College, and the latter also resides at Conover.

I have also learned, that by the removal of Rev. J. C. Moser, his late Pastorate, consisting of St. Mark's, Mount Moriah and Phanuel's Churches, in Rowan County, N. C., and Morning Star, in Mecklenburg, and Emmanuel's, in Union, County, N. C., have become vacant; I have, however, heard that Rev. J. R. Peterson has taken a temporary oversight of the two latter Churches.

I am credibly informed that Prof. J. C. Moser is regularly serving Sharon's and St. Martin's Churches, in Iredell County, N. C.

Although I was the Presiding Officer of Synod, I was not aware that

Rev. J. S. Koiner had been installed as Pastor of Zion's Church, until I saw it stated in the columns of *Our Church Paper.*

I have no official notice of the facts, but have seen it stated in *Our Church Paper*, that Houses of Worship have been dedicated during the year in Mt. Pleasant Congregation, Wautauga County, N. C., and in Bold Spring Congregation, Caldwell County, N. C., and also in Philadelphia Congregation, Caldwell County, N. C.

I have also learned, that the corner-stone was laid some time ago, and that a new House of Worship is being constructed in Pilgrim's Congregation, Davidson County, N. C.

I am informed that Concordia College, at Conover, N. C., has a fair patronage and enjoys a reasonable degree of prosperity.

Through the columns of *Our Church Paper*, I learned soon after it occurred, that Rev. J. S. Bennick, our highly esteemed fellow-laborer in the vineyard of our Lord, departed this life within the last synodical year. I would recommend the appointment of a suitable committee to prepare a suitable report to his memory for publication in our Minutes, and also in the columns of *Our Church Paper.*

These, dear brethren, are the facts I have felt it my duty to lay before you in this report. There are some things I would like to recommend in addition to these statements, but the report is already a very lengthy one.

Now, permit me to surrender the Chair you so kindly placed me in, and humbly hope that upon whom you devolve its duties for the next year, may be better able to discharge them than I have been.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.

Letters, Petitions, and Papers, addressed to Synod, were called for and presented, to be placed in the hands of a Committee, consisting of Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little, for arrangement and classification.

The President announced the following

Standing Committees :

I. On Missions.—Revs. Dr. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. L. Crouse.

II. On State of the Church.—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. C. Moser, and J. K. Efird.

III. On Examination.—Revs. J. M. Smith, J. C. Moser, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

IV. On President's Report.—Revs. J. R. Peterson, I. Conder, and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

V. On Treasurers' Reports.—Maj. H. A. Meetze and Rev. E. L. Lybrand.

VI. On Unfinished Business.—Revs. A. J. Fox, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. C. M. Efird.

VII. On Letters and Petitions.—Revs. M. L. Little, J. A. Cromer, and Col. G. H. Chapman.

VIII. On Committee on Examination of Candidates for the Ministry.—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. S. Koiner, and I. Conder.

IX. On Ordination.—Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson.

The hours of 9 A. M., 12 M., 2 P. M., and 4 P. M., were fixed as the hours of opening and closing the sessions.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Dr. S. Henkel.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday, Oct. 16, 9 A. M.

Session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

Rev. Peter Miller, Corresponding-Delegate from the South Carolina Synod, was received and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

On motion, St. David's Congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., and Mt. Nebo Congregation, Rochelle, Madison Co., Va., were received into connection with our Synod.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was received and acted upon by items, and then recommitted.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, make the following report:

Item 1. On page 7, we find a Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox and Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, appointed to inquire into the expediency of erecting tombstones at the graves of Rev. Ambrose Henkel, New Market, Va., and Rev. Phil. Henkel, Richland Church, Randolph County, N. C. Is that Committee ready to report?

Item 2. On same page, we find a Committee appointed, of which Rev. P. C. Henkel is Chairman, to examine and, if found qualified, to ordain Mr. D. A. Goodman to the office of Pastor. Has that Committee discharged its duty?

Item 3. On page 8, a Committee, of which Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox is Chairman, was appointed to examine and, if found qualified, to ordain Prof. W. P. Cline to the office of Pastor. Has this been done?

Item 4. On page 11, we find the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod were postponed until this meeting of Synod.

Item 5. On page 12, we find that a Committee, consisting of Rev. S. Henkel and Rev. L. A. Fox, was appointed to prepare a form of an Ordination Certificate. Is this Committee prepared to report?

Item 6. On same page, we find that a Committee, of which Rev. J. N. Stirewalt is Chairman, was appointed to memorialize the Ministers and people on the subject of Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully,

A. J. FOX,
J. P. STIREWALT,
C. M. EFIRD.

Item 1. Not complied with. The Committee was continued with the substitution of Rev. A. L. Crouse for Rev. S. Henkel.

Item 2. Complied with, and the name of Mr. D. A. Goodman was recorded in the clerical roll.

Item 3. Complied with, and the following Report of the Committee on the Ordination of Candidate W. P. Cline, was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Ordination of Candidate, W. P. Cline.

As Chairman of your Committee, I beg leave to submit the following:

After consulting Rev. T. Moser the other member of the Committee, Mr. Cline, and the Congregation at St. Luke's, Lincoln County, N. C., I made an appointment, for the purposes designed by the appointment of the Committee, at that place, on the 11th day of December, 1881. At the time agreed upon, I went to the place appointed, and met Mr. Cline and the Congregation assembled, but Rev. T. Moser, the other member of the Committee, failed to meet us; as he soon afterwards informed me, on account of ill-health. Mr. Cline and the Congregation were anxious to proceed in the work for which we were assembled. Being alone as I was, I felt considerable hesitancy in regard to the matter; but inasmuch as Mr. Cline had been preaching statedly for those people, and as it was understood that immediately after his ordination he would take the Pastoral oversight of the Congregation, I, at length, proposed to the Officers of the Congregation, that I would do as they desired, provided they would join me in conducting a public examination of the candidate, and in the event we should find him qualified to bear the office of the Ministry, and with me, subscribe a certificate of ordination. In view of his probably becoming their Pastor, they readily consented. His examination

proved entirely satisfactory. He was found well qualified, both in Literary and Theological attainment. On the day following he was publicly consecrated, in the manner and form prescribed in our Lutheran Liturgy, and received his credentials, signed by the Chairman of the Committee and the Officers of the Congregation.

Should these transactions be approved by the Synod, his name should be placed upon our regular Catalogue of Ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
Chairman of Committee.

Item 4. In regard to this item the motion was sustained, and the Committee consists of Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, P. C. Henkel, T. Moser, and Prof. R. A. Yoder.

Moved, That the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Synod be entrusted to a Committee whose duty it shall be to consider them and report at the convention of Synod next year.

Item 5. Not complied with. The Committee was discharged. Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little were constituted a Committee to prepare a form of Ordination Certificate.

Item 6. Complied with, and a Committee, composed of Revs. A. J. Fox and J. P. Stirewalt, was appointed to call the attention of Ministers and people in our connection, by letter, or otherwise, to the subject of Beneficiary Education, urging upon them its importance and their duty.

The Committee on President's Report submitted a report, which was considered by items.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine and report on the President's Report, find nothing in that document requiring our action, except his reference to the death of our lamented brother, Rev. J. S. Bennick, and we recommend, that a Committee of three be appointed to report resolutions of this sad event. Respectfully submitted.

J. R. PETERSON,
I. CONDER,
HENRY A. MEETZE.

Item 1. Sustained, and the President appointed Revs. J. R. Peterson, I. Conder and J. P. Stirewalt, to prepare the resolutions on the death of Rev. J. S. Bennick.

St. Stephen's Congregation, Shenandoah County, Va., Cedar Point, and Alma Fairview, Page County, Va., were received into connection with this Synod.

The Annual Report of the retiring President was re-committed.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare, for the Archives of Synod, a complete roll of all Congregations in its connection, and that the Ministers give him, at his request, all the assistance they can.

Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the remaining item of their report.

Item 7. Said report being re-committed, the Committee beg leave to enquire further, if the Committee appointed on page 7, (Minutes of 1881), of which Rev. J. C. Moser is Chairman, in regard to receiving Concordia High School into connection with this Synod, is ready to report?

A. J. FOX,
J. P. STIREWALT,
C. M. EFIRD.

The Committee, not being ready to report, was, at their own request, continued.

The Report on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported, and the report was received and considered by items.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leave to submit the following report:

CLASS I.—EXCUSES FOR ABSENCE FROM SYNOD.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., in which he asks to be excused for his non-attendance upon this Convention of Synod, assigning, as a reason, pressure of duties. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, of similar import. We recommend that he be not excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. M. L. Fox, of same import. We recommend that he be not excused.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, assigning the reason of his ab-

sence to be bodily infirmities and want of means. We recommend he be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, asking to be excused from this meeting. We recommend that he be not excused.

CLASS II.—PETITIONS FOR ORDINATION.

Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are Petitions from St. Mark's, Mt. Moriah, Rowan County, and Phanuel's, Cabarrus County, N. C., asking for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of Prof. D. J. Suttlemyer, to the holy office of the Ministry, praying also for his services.

Nos. 4 and 5 are Petitions of like import, from Killian's, Catawba County, and Luther's, Burke County, N. C. Your Committee recommend the appointment of a Committee of three, consisting of Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and J. M. Smith, to attend to this work at such time as may be agreed upon by the Committee and the candidate.

CLASS III.—PETITIONS FOR NEXT CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

No. 1 is a Petition from Beck's Church, Davidson County, N. C., praying for the next meeting of Synod to be held in their church.

No. 2 is a Petition from Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, N. C., of same import.

No. 3 is a Petition from Concordia Church, Conover, N. C., of like import.

CLASS IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 1 is a Petition from Killian's Church, Catawba County, N. C., asking to be received into connection with this Synod. We recommend that this congregation be received.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, asking this Synod to take into consideration the division of the Synod into State district Synods.

No. 3 is a Petition from Melanchthon's Church, Randolph County, N. C., asking Synod to send them a preacher.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. LITTLE,
J. A. CROMER,
G. H. CHAPMAN.

Class I.—No. 1. Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., excused.

No. 2. Rev. J. M. Smith not excused.

No. 3. Rev. M. L. Fox not excused.

No. 4. Rev. T. Moser excused.

No. 5. Rev. C. H. Bernheim not excused.

Class II.—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Pending the discussion of these items, Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 16, 2 o'clock.

During recess, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt preached from Eph. 3 : 19.

House was called to order by the President. Roll called.

The pending items of the report on Letters and Petitions were resumed and after some discussion, the recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

Class III.—Nos. 1, 2, 3. It was moved to ballot for the place of holding the next Convention. The motion was sustained.

Concordia Church, Conover, Catawba County, N. C., was chosen, by ballot, as the place for the next Convention of Synod. The time for the Convention was fixed at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the first full moon in October, 1883.

Class IV.—No. 1. The recommendation prevailed, and Killian's congregation, Catawba County, N. C., was received.

No. 2. It was moved that Synod consider the propriety of Districting herself according to States. After discussing the subject, the following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, was adopted.

In view of various contingent circumstances, I offer the following as a substitute, for the motion before Synod: Be it *Resolved*, That in regard to Rev. C. H. Bernheim's suggestion to district our Synod, Synod is not prepared to entertain said suggestion at this time, whilst, however, it may be desirable in the near future.

No. 3. It was moved, that a Committee of two be appointed to consider the petition from Melanchthon's Church, and report at this session of Synod. Committee—Revs. P. C. Henkel and A. J. Fox.

The Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer, Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, submitted his report.

Treasurer's Report.

NEW MARKET, SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VA.,
October 11th, 1882.

SOCRATES HENKEL IN ACCOUNT WITH
EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1881.					DR.
Sept. 14,	To amount from			former Treasurer, Rev. J. M. Smith.	$ 65 60
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. R. Peterson	9 35
"	"	"	"	Rev. W. P. Cline	30
"	"	"	"	Rev. C. H. Bernheim	1 80
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. M. Smith	3 80
"	"	"	"	G. D. Armentrout	60
"	"	"	"	Rev. A. J. Fox	3 50
"	"	"	"	Rev. P. C. Henkel	3 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. R. A. Yoder	2 50
"	"	"	"	N. W. Bowman	50
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. N. Stirewalt	1 40
"	"	"	"	Rev. D. Efird	70
"	"	"	"	Dr. Eargle	30
"	"	"	"	Mr. J. F. Drafts	50
"	"	"	"	J. K. Efird	2 70
"	"	"	"	Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox	2 00
"	"	"	"	Mr. L. M. Zirkle	2 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. I. Conder	40
"	"	"	"	Rev. T. Moser	2 00
"	"	"	"	H. J. Wessinger	20
"	"	"	"	Rev. Lybrand	90
"	"	"	"	Rev. Goodman	1 15
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. C. Moser	3 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. S. Henkel	1 00
Nov. 1.	"	"	"	Mr. Jos. Shealey.	1 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. Lybrand	30
Nov. 30.	"	"	"	Rev. Hausenfluck	50
Dec. 22.	"	"	"	"	90
1882.					
Jan. 5.	"	"	"	Minutes sold	40
					$112.30

1881.
Oct. 10. To amount paid Henkel & Co. for printing, binding, and mailing 800 copies of Minutes..... $45.50

1882.
Oct. 10. Balance on hand, due Synod $66.80

$112 30

The Committee on Treasurers' Reports submitted the following reports which were received and adopted.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.—The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Synod have discharged that duty and find the same to be correct. He has a balance in his hands and due the Synod of sixty-six dollars and eighty cents.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MEETZE, Chairman,
E. L. LYBRAND.

SOCRATES HENKEL'S Report as Agent for Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund. Oct. 10, 1882.

1881.		Dr.
Sept. 3,	To amount from Mt. Zion Church) S. Henkel's charge	$ 4 38
" 27,	To amount from Emmanuel's.....)	14 50
" 14,	To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge	12 19
" 14,	To amount from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge	4 00
" 14,	To amount from Rev. J. A. Cromer	2 00
		$37 07

1882.		Cr.	
June 5,	By amount paid T. E. Armentrout	$40 00	
Oct. 10,	To amount from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge		$19 40
" 11,	To amount from Emmanuel's Church) S. Henkel's charge		12 00
" 11,	To amount from Mt. Zion Church .....)		6 00
			$74 47
			40 00
			$34 47

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

T. MOSER, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund,
In account with the
Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

1882.		Dr.
Sept. 10,	To cash on hand	$135 70
Dec. 10,	To cash from J. C. Moser's charge	12 00
1882.	From T. Moser's charge,	
" Sept. 17,	St. Mark's, Rowan Co., N. C.	2 00
" " 17,	Mt. Moriah, " "	10 00
" " 24,	St. Martin's, Stanley Co., "	1 50
" Oct. 1,	St. Martin's, Cabarrus " "	6 35
" " 8,	Phanuel, Rowan Co., "	3 00
	Amount	$170 55

1881.		Cr.
Dec. 20,	By cash paid T. E. Armentrout,.....	$100 00
" 20, " "	Postage	13
	Amount.....	$100 13
	Balance in my hands.....	$70 42

T. MOSER, Treas. Ben. Fund.

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund reported as follows:

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:—The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund have discharged that duty, and find the same to be correct, and that there is in his hands a balance of Seventy Dollars and forty-two cents, and in the hands of his agent, Dr. S. Henkel, the sum of Thirty-four Dollars and forty-seven cents, making in the aggregate the sum of One Hundred and Four Dollars and eighty-nine cents.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MEETZE, Chairman,
Oct. 16, 1882. E. L. LYBRAND.

Synod adjourned. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. K. Efird. House was called to order by the President. Roll called.

Rev. P. Miller conveyed to this Synod the fraternal greetings of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, and, at the request of the President, was replied to by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox in a few pertinent remarks.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse, was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend "Grades in the Ministry," a book by the late Rev. Jacob Stirewalt, to the careful study and impartial examination of our people, both clerical and lay.*

Report of the Delegate to Evang. Lutheran Synod of N. C.

Your Delegate begs leave to submit the following:

Some very urgent business matters being very unexpectedly thrust upon me, demanding immediate attention, prevented me from discharging

* The book can be had of the Publisher, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, New Market, Va.

the duty assigned by my appointment. For several reasons I was anxious to meet our brethren of the Synod of North Carolina, and regretted my inability to do so very much; I, however, addressed a fraternal letter to the Synod, a copy of which I herewith submit. I learn this letter was very kindly received and read before the Synod.

I learn from the public prints, that a committee of two ministers and one layman, was appointed to meet and confer with a similar committee from this Synod, in regard to such territory as may be in dispute between the two Synods. It is my opinion, that the committee asked for should be appointed, and trust every suitable means will be employed to secure an amicable adjustment of every misunderstanding, which in any way disturbs the peace and prosperity of our beloved Lutheran Church in North Carolina. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, a Committee, composed of Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and Mr. A. Costner, was appointed to confer with a Committee, appointed by the North Carolina Synod, in regard to such territory as may interlap between the two Synods.

Parochial Reports were now read.

Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by the President.

During recess, Rev. J. R. Peterson preached from Matt. 22: 1, 14. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox preached Monday evening, in Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Spring Hill, from 1 John 1: 5, 6, 7, 8.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll called.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, was adopted:

Be it *Resolved*, That it be the duty of our ministers to obtain the number of baptized persons, infants and adults, as well as that of the communicant members, and report the result of their efforts to the next session of Synod, with a view to arranging our Parochial Report, so as to give the whole strength of our Synod, by adding a column for the insertion of such members.

The resolution, offered by Maj. H. A. Meetze, on Sunday school work, was adopted:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, at the future meetings of this Synod, Sunday afternoons shall be devoted to Sunday school work; and the *pastors loci* where synodical meetings are held are charged with the duty of making the necessary arrangements, to give interest and effect to these services.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, was adopted:

Resolved, That each of our Pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular Convention of our Synod.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, was adopted:

It is meet and right, that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it *Resolved*, That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further *Resolved*, that it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

The Committee on Petition from Melanchthon Congregation read the following report. The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Petition from Melanchthon Congregation.

Your Committee on petition from Melanchthon Church, Randolph County, N. C., for a minister, would report the following: Inasmuch as we have no one whom we could send to them at this time, we recommend Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox, and others, be advised to visit them as often as possible, until their request can be complied with.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL.

Report of the Committee on Examination was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee on examination of P. C. Wyke, an applicant for beneficiary aid, report that we have held such examination; and, being convinced that he possesses the necessary qualifications, recommend that

he be received and directed according to our regulations. We have, also, had an interview with J. P. Price, and are satisfied as to his moral qualifications, but in view of the fact that he has made scarcely a beginning in his education, we deem it unnecessary to place his name upon our roll of students at present, but recommend that he pursue his studies as zealously as he is able to do.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD,
E. L. LYBRAND.

Synod having ascertained the condition of the Beneficiary Treasury, it was moved to consider appropriations for which application was made.

On motion, Synod made an appropriation of eighty dollars ($80.00) to Mr. P. C. Wyke. The motion was sustained.

It was moved, that Synod make an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) to Mr. D. A. Sox. The motion prevailed.

The Committee on Missions submitted the following report, which was received, considered, and adopted:

Your Committee on Missions report, that it has no data from the Secretaries of the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences; and, therefore, has no report to make in reference to the work in those sections. A paper has been addressed to the Synod from a Committee of the South Carolina Conference, which we herewith submit, and recommend that it be read in Synod, considered, and such action taken as may seem necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE.

Report of S. C. Conference of E. L. Tennessee Synod in Regard to Mission Work.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:

The South Carolina Conference, connected with your body, during its July meeting, constituted the subscribed parties a Committee to bring its acts and views in the mission work before you, in accordance with which action, we beg leave to submit the following:

1st. Said Conference, in obedience to the resolution of Synod, passed Nov., 1879, at Summit, at its next meeting, Aug., 1880, adopted a systematic plan for prosecuting the work, which plan provides an Executive Committee with proper adjuncts, into whose hands the work is entrusted, subject to the approval of the Conference. Said Committee is now in active existence.

2d. Said Committee has from time to time expended such funds as have been put in their possession in giving such aid to such people and places, as it deemed best. We now have in operation a systematic plan for raising funds, and at one time had a German Missionary, who visited all Germans immigrating to this State upon their arrival, and which has been discontinued, because we have no man who can fill the place.

3d. Said Committee finds itself much hampered for the scarcity of ministers, and after bringing its views before said Conference, and discussing the same fully, the Conference unanimously agreed—That the said work could not be pushed effectively, except by some men who had the time to visit remote places,—spending days with the people—working up their resources—gathering up the stray ones, and encouraging those already at work. Certain it is that no one Conference in our Synod, has or will accomplish thus much.

THEREFORE we beg leave to *recommend:*

1st, That the Synod rescind its action of November, 1879.

2d, That it recommend the Conferences to keep in active force their plans for raising missionary funds.

3d, That the Synod put a regular missionary in the field.

All of which we think can be effected by the earnest and energetic co-operation of the Conference, in connection with what the people aided could pay toward the salary of said missionary.

All of which we respectfully submit for the earnest and prayerful consideration of your body.

HENRY A. MEETZE, CHAIRMAN,
C. M. EFIRD,
E. L. LYBRAND.

October 13th, 1882.

The report was received and considered by items.

Pending the discussion of item 1st of this report, Synod adjourned till Wednesday morning. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Little.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 9 *o'clock.*

Synod was opened with divine services, conducted by Rev. I. Conder. House called to order by the President. Roll called.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds is absent,

Resolved, That his agent is authorized to receive all moneys that can be

paid over at this session of Synod, and pay to our beneficiaries half the amount appropriated, provided he obtains satisfactory receipts, and for which they shall execute their bonds when the whole appropriation is received.

Rev. J. C. Moser was excused.

Rev. R. A. Yoder was excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt was not excused.

Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was not excused.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse, were adopted:

Resolved, That the names of all our regularly received candidates for the ministry be appended to our clerical roll.

Resolved, That the names of all our beneficiaries be appended to our clerical roll.

The usual vote of thanks, expressed in the following language, was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention of Synod, hereby tender our most sincere thanks, to the members of this Congregation, and other citizens of this vicinity, for the very kind and cordial manner in which they have received and entertained us, during our stay among them; and that the President of Synod read this resolution to-day, at the close of the sermon.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each general body of Lutherans, in this country, one copy; and the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence, one copy each; our institutions of learning, one copy each; our Lutheran publications, two copies each; and our beneficiaries and applicants, one copy each.

Corresponding Delegates to other Synods:—

To S. C. Synod.—Rev. M. L. Little, Principal; Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Alternate.

To N. C. Synod.—Rev. J. R. Peterson, Principal; Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Alternate.

To Virginia Synod.—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Principal; Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Alternate.

It was moved to re-open correspondence with the E. Lutheran Holston Synod.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed Corresponding Delegate to the Holston Synod, with Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Alternate.

IN MEMORY OF

REV. JOHN S. BENNICK.

We, your Committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions, have adopted the following:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God, in his all-wise Providence, to remove our lamented brother, J. S. Bennick, from his work on earth to his reward in heaven;

Be it Resolved 1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved 2. In his death, the Church militant has lost a most efficient and faithful laborer.

Resolved 3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the face of the Minutes, and that one page be devoted to his memory.

Resolved 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family.

J. R. PETERSON,
I. CONDER,
J. P. STIREWALT.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted by all the members of Synod, standing in profound silence for a few minutes.

It was moved that our applicant, Mr. T. E. Armentrout, be directed to place himself under the care of Rev. A. L. Crouse for this Synodical year, and that he prosecute his studies as rapidly as possible. The motion was sustained.

The Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, read his report, which was received and considered; and, being amended, stands as follows:

Report of Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church is represented here by only one member, and its report cannot be as full as it should be. Much that should be brought out will necessarily escape attention.

In many respects we find that the general condition of the Synod has been improved. In many places new and elegant houses of worship have been built, both by old and new congregations. Several new congregations have been organized, and estranged ones reclaimed. More interest in mission work has been manifested. Money has been raised, missions established and supplied. This indicates that our people are becoming more concerned about the extension of the church; hence, we find somewhat less selfishness.

The accessions to our membership have been as large, and perhaps of as worthy character, as any year in our history. We do not think that any body, with an equal number of laborers, has outstripped us in this respect. We are also confident, that the majority of persons received into our communion have been well trained in the catechetical class and Sunday school.

We notice also, that our people are manifesting greater interest in the cause of education. Many have been induced to give to our colleges and schools, who a few years ago thought such a thing an innovation not to be tolerated. No doubt more has been done in this way, by a number of congregations, during the past year, than any previous one. Parents, too, have been moved to give more attention to the education of their children, and, as a natural consequence, we hear of an increase in the number of young men making an effort to prepare for the work of the ministry.

There is an improvement in the work of beneficence, but not commensurate with the resources of the people and the demands of the Church. More money has been collected this year than last, and yet we are not doing our whole duty.

Most of our Ministers have been prosecuting the work with zeal and energy, but many of them at a sad disadvantage, in view of the extent of

their charges. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, the best possible has been done, considering the depleted ranks of our ministry.

In view of these elements of prosperity, we have a right to expect that the fond hopes entertained at our last Convention were all realized, but, with sadness, we are compelled to report otherwise, in respect to some of the features of the state of the Church.

In Virginia, we can safely say, as aforetime, that there are no divisions in the congregations, and that the ministers are keeping the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. They walk in love and respect each others feelings. They are not given over to jealousy, but know how to honor each others ability and excuse each others infirmities.

In North Carolina, we "hear that there are divisions, and we partly believe it." We do not think that there are any serious differences in matters of faith, but there is not that concert of action that should characterize a Conference. Neither is there sufficient respect for the feelings of each other among some of the ministers. Ministers should not think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, lest they look more to the immortalization of their names than the glory of God. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," for "Ye are brethren." Ministers should not think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, lest they look more to the extension of their territory and influence, and the immortalization of their names than the glory of God. "Let this same mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," for you are his servants.

In South Carolina, some of the things formerly complained of have been removed, and the internecine strife once carried on has, in a great degree, abated. One minister has resigned, and another moved away, and their action has been criticised, perhaps, too freely. However, we think that good has already resulted from some, if not all, of the changes that have been made.

In Alabama, our cause is holding out bravely, and the people have done admirably well. There is but one hindrance to almost unbounded prosperity there, and that is the want of laborers. The people are liberal and zealous, and will do their part well.

Looking again at the whole Synod there is, in many places, a lack of interest in Sunday schools, and a fearful want of attention to the reading of Church literature. The Minutes of Synod are not circulated as they ought to be, and the people are not well enough acquainted with the work and demands of Synod.

There is also too much negligence in training the people in the responsive service in the Church.

While all these things that are wrong, are unpleasant and need correction, we have much to cause us to thank God and take courage.

A. L. CROUSE.

The two amendments to the report on the state of the church were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The following paper was read before Synod, and discussed to a limited extent:

WHEREAS, The Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod has in time past held aloof from direct connection with other Lutheran bodies in this country, from reasons patent and well known to all persons acquainted with her history; and since said reasons have been dispelled by other bodies, planting themselves on the same basis as ourselves; and whereas in union and co-operative energy there is resistless strength; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, now in Convention assembled, do adopt the Constitution of "The Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America," and do elect a delegation, proportioned according to Article II. of said Constitution, to represent this Synod in the next regular Convention of said General Synod, to sit in the City of Charleston, in April proximo.

Pending the discussion of this paper, pertaining to effecting a union with the General Synod in North America, Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President. During recess, Rev. E. L. Lybrand preached from Phil. 2: 5.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 *o'clock*.

House was called to order by the President, the roll was called, and Synod at once proceeded to business.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Rev. S. Henkel, were adopted:

WHEREAS, A paper is before Synod, asking Synod to take into consideration the propriety of effecting some connection with the Southern E. L. General Synod, and whereas, this is a matter which requires careful and matured consideration; hence, in view of the late hour of this session of Synod, in which the said paper was offered, be it

Resolved, That this paper be deferred to our next Annual Session of Synod, for consideration.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was adopted:

As a substitute for the motion now before the Synod, I offer the following: In view of the probability of some change taking place in the present polity of our Synod at no far distant date, be it

Resolved, That we deem it injudicious, as well as impolitic, to change our present system of missionary work, as indicated in the report of the

South Carolina Conference of the Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, suggesting a change in our present policy of missionary operations.

On motion, it was made the duty of the Secretary to prepare an extract of the proceedings of this Convention of Synod, for publication in *Our Church Paper.*

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, was adopted:

Resolved, That the facts set forth by the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, showing as they do, that rather an unfavorable state of things exists among our people in the State of North Carolina, this Synod most earnestly advises all concerned to, at the earliest possible period, make a united effort to adjust any difficulties that may exist in that section of our Church.

It was moved to reconsider Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's excuse. After due consideration, Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was excused.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statement of the President in regard to his writing the history of our Synod, and hope that his expectations may be realized, and the work forthcoming by the next session of this Synod.

It was moved to dispense with reading the Minutes. The motion prevailed.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Closed by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

J. PAUL STIREWALT, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Con'gations.	Communicants.	Ad. Baptisms	In. Baptisms.	Confir'ations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	S. Schools.	Teachers.	S.S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.
Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D	1837	5	550	2	52	31	40	...	...	5	35	260	...	$ 3 20	...	...	...
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" D. Efird	1847	4	550	...	38	29	...	16	...	3	20	130	...	...	...	...	...
" S. Henkel, D. D	1850	2	240	3	25	19	2	16	...	1	6	50	2	3 00	18 00	300 00	$240 00
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" E. L. Lybrand	1877	2	250	...	13	21	2	6	...	2	15	150	...	1 70	15 00	...	...
" R. A. Yoder	1878	2	200	...	12	19	3	2	...	2	12	100	...	2 50	...	...	685 00
" J. S. Koiner	1881	1	100	...	20	5	3	2	...	1	7	...	...	1 40	5 00	110 00	160 00
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SERMONS.

Saturday.

Synodical Sermon, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Text, 1 Cor., 4, 1–2.

Sunday.

Morning: Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Text, Hosea, 14, 1–2.

Afternoon: Rev. I. Conder, 1 Chron. 29, 5—last clause.

Mt. Olivet, Spring Hill: Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, St. Luke 14, 16–24.

Monday.

Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Text, Eph. 3, 19—first clause.

Evening: Mt. Olivet, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Text, 1 John 1, 5–8.

Tuesday.

Rev. J. R. Peterson, St. Matth. 22, 1–14.

Wednesday.

Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Phil. 2, 5.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

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MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our Pastors be earnestly requested to preach at least one sermon in each of his congregations, annually, upon the subject of Beneficiary Education, and other benevolent enterprises, and report to the next succeeding convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our church previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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Since the copy of the Minutes was placed in the hands of the printer and printed, I have received the following, which the reader will observe instead of what appears in the regular Parochial Report:

In Rev. J. C. Moser's report, read $15.00 instead of $14.00 for Beneficiary Education.

In Rev. D. A. Goodman's report read the following:

Entered the Ministry, 1882; Congregations, 2; Communicants, 107; Infant Baptisms, 35; Adult Baptisms, 2; Confirmations, 17; Deaths, 5; Sunday S. Scholars, 30; Removals, 1; Ben. Education, $3.07; Current Expenses, $200.

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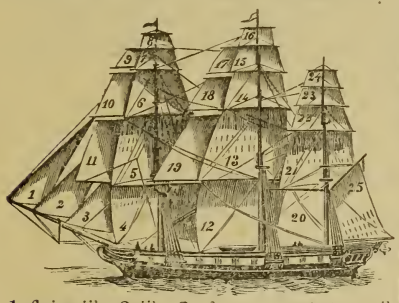

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Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. C. Moser, J. K. Efird.

On Examination:

Revs. J. M. Smith, J. C. Moser, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, E. L. Lybrand.

PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING:

The next Convention will be held in Concordia Church, Conover, Catawba County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first full moon in October, 1883.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

LEXINGTON COUNTY, S. C., }
OCT. 14, 1882. }

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD convened in its Sixty-Second Annual Session in St. Jacob Church, Lexington County, S. C., on Saturday, October 14, 1882. The congregation being vacant, Rev. A. L. Crouse, at the request of the Council, conducted devotional exercises. The President, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, preached the Synodical Sermon from 1 Cor. 4, 1, 2.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.* The clerical roll was called and the absentees noted.

Roll of Ministers.

	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
1	Rev. A. J. FOX, M. D.,	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" P. C. HENKEL,	Conover, "
3	" J. R. PETERSON,	Dallas, "
4	" T. MOSER,*	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
5	" D. EFIRD,	Pine Ridge, S. C.
6	" S. HENKEL, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
7	" C. H. BERNHEIM,†	Lexington, N. C.
8	" J. M. SMITH,†	Conover, "
9	" I. CONDER,	McGaheysville, Va.
10	" L. A. FOX, D. D.,*	Salem, Va.
11	" J. N. STIREWALT,†	Stony Man, Va.
12	" A. L. CROUSE,	Waynesboro, "
13	" M. L. FOX, M. D.,†	Conover, N. C.

*Excused. † Not excused.

	Names.	Residences.
14	Rev. J. P. Stirewalt,	New Market, Va.
15	" M. L. Little,	Dallas, N. C.
16	" J. C. Moser,*	Conover, "
17	" J. W. Hausenfluck,*	Alma, Va.
18	" J. K. Efird,	Caughman's Store, S. C.
19	" J. A. Cromer,	Columbia, S. C.
20	" E. L. Lybrand,	" "
21	" R. A. Yoder,*	Conover, N. C.
22	" J. S. Koiner,	Conover, N. C.
23	" D. A. Goodman,	Gamewell, N. C.
24	" W. P. Cline,	Newton, N. C.

Candidates for the Ministry.

Mr. D. J. Suttlemyer, Dallas, N. C.
Mr. J. A. Rudisill, Jug Town, N. C.
Mr. T. E. Armentrout, Waynesboro', Va.

Beneficiaries.

Mr. P. C. Wyke, Conover, N. C.
Mr. D. A. Sox, Conover, N. C.

The following Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election and their names were enrolled as members of Synod.

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Dr. J. W. Eargle,	St. Jacob, South Carolina.
Carroll Bookman,	Bethlehem, " "
Thos. N. Epting,	St. John, " "
C. M. Efird,	St. Peter's, (Piny Woods) South Carolina.
Col. G. H. Chapman,	St. Thomas, South Carolina.
Lewis Shealey,	St. James, " "
A. L. Eargle,	Cedar Grove, " "
E. S. Sease,	St. Paul's, " "
Maj. H. A. Meetze,	St. Peter's, (Meetze) South Carolina.
Geo. S. Drafts,	Zion, South Carolina.
J. P. Price,	Emmanuel, South Carolina.
Emmanuel Laminack,	St. Michael, Alabama.
C. B. Sikes,	Emmanuel and Morning Star, N. C.
Q. Y. Stroup,	Christ and Sharon, N. C.
Jacob K. Rhyne,	Trinity, St. Mark, and Philadelphia, N. C.
A. J. Cansler,	Grace, Salem, St. Luke, Holy Trinity, N. C.
P. C. Wyke,	St. Stephen, St. Peter, Friendship, Salem, N. C.
W. A. Smith,	St. John, St. Paul, Piny Grove, N. C.
D. A. Sox,	St. James, Concordia, N. C.

*Excused. †Not Excused.

The Rule of Order concerning the reading of the President's Report was suspended.

Revs. A. L. Crouse and J. S. Koiner were appointed tellers, and an election for officers was held with the following result:

REV. S. HENKEL, D. D.,	- - -	President.
" J. PAUL STIREWALT,	- - -	Rec. Secretary.
" J. M. SMITH,	- - - - -	Cor. Secretary.
" M. L. LITTLE,	- - - - -	Treasurer.

The President, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, read his Annual Report, which was received and properly reserved for the Committee yet to be appointed.

President's Annual Report.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:—In the course of events, another year in the history of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, has passed. And in the Providence of our kind Heavenly Father, some of us are, once more, permitted to assemble ourselves together in Synodical Convention—professedly to confer with each other, and deliberate upon the best means by which the great interests of that portion of the Church of Christ committed to our care, may be best promoted. It is to be sincerely hoped, that none of us have come here with any feelings or motives contrary to the Holy Religion we profess; for in its beneficent provisions, that Religion utterly precludes all merely ambitious and selfish aspirations. Nothing but pure love to God, and an ardent desire for the salvation of our fellow men, should be allowed to actuate any one in the work of meetings of this kind.

We should be sincerely grateful to the Great Head of the Church for the special care he has exercised over us, during the year that has gone by, as well as for the many years of our former existence, as a Synod. With one single exception, the lives and a reasonable degree of health have been preserved to all the Ministers of our connection, since we were last assembled; and that all have been permitted in some way, to some extent, to be engaged in the great work of our Divine Master.

Official Acts.—The rule of custom, as well as the law of our Synod, require me, as the Presiding Officer of this Synod, to render some account of my official transactions during the year now ended. There seems to me to be some considerable defect in this matter, which may be the result of some oversight or misapprehension in regard to making the necessary reports to, and demands upon, the Presiding Officer of Synod, which will enable him to make a correct statement of what things may have transpired during his term of office within the bounds of Synod. At any rate,

such reports are often very defective, for the want of proper data. On this account, this report must necessarily be very imperfect.

Some time after the last Convention of Synod, I received a letter from our beneficiary, Thomas E. Armentrout, requesting me to issue an order upon the Treasurer of this Synod for the amount appropriated to him by a resolution of last Convention. I immediately sent an order to him for One Hundred and Forty Dollars ($140.00), which I presume he received in due time, though I have heard nothing from him since.

The appropriation made to J. A. Rudisill of Fifty Dollars ($50.00) has not been called for.

Some time last Spring, I received a communication from Rev. W. M. Gilbreath, a member of the East Ohio Synod, asking for a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of our Synod; and stating that he and his congregations were somewhat dissatisfied with their Synodical relations, and were thinking of asking a connection with this Synod. I immediately forwarded to him the required documents, and asked for a copy of the Minutes of the last Convention of his Synod. Soon afterwards, I received the Minutes, but otherwise have heard nothing from him.

On the 9th day of October, 1881, I resigned my Pastoral connection with St. Luke's Church, Lincoln County, N. C., and Rev. W. P. Cline was immediately elected as my successor, and as he was present he accepted the call. On the day following he was publicly ordained, as per order of Synod, and being President this year, by request of the congregation and consent of the Pastor-elect, in obedience to a rule of Synod, I also publicly installed him as Pastor of the congregation.

On the 22nd day of last April, I publicly installed the officers of a new congregation at Mt. Holley, in Gaston County, N. C. On the day following, by request, I dedicated a new house of worship at that place, and it received the name of the place—Mount Holley. Prof. Junius B. Fox, a candidate for the Ministry, is supplying them with regular, monthly services. Our prospects there are truly flattering.

Some time last July, I received a communication from Rev. A. L. Crouse, informing me that he had received and accepted a call from Bethlehem E. L. Congregation, near Waynesboro, Augusta County, Va., which had lately become vacant by the resignation of Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., to accept a call to the Professorship of Mental and Moral Science in Roanoke College. In obedience to the custom of Lutheran Synods, as well as to comply with a special rule adopted by this Synod at her Convention in 1872, he requested me, as the President of Synod, to appoint a committee to regularly install him Pastor of said congregation at an early day. I immediately wrote to Revs. Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D., and Irenaeus Conder, appointing them to perform this duty. Soon after I received a letter from Prof. L. A. Fox, stating that it would not be convenient for him to discharge the duty assigned the committee, very soon, but would do so as soon as convenient.

Since then I have not heard from any of the parties concerned, but I have no doubt that if the thing has not yet been done, in due time it will be attended to.

In his communication, Rev. Crouse also informs me, that by his removal his late Pastorate—St. James' and St. Thomas' congregations, in Lexington County, S. C., are rendered vacant.

Some time in the month of August, I received a communication from Rev. Daniel Efird, officially informing me that he has resigned the Pastoral oversight of his congregations—St. John's, St. Peter's, St. Jacob's, and Bethlehem Churches, in Lexington County, S. C., and that they are consequently vacant.

Early in this month, I received a postal from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, officially informing me that he has resigned his former Pastorate, and has accepted a call from the late Pastorate of our deceased and much lamented brother, Rev. J. S. Bennick. He also informed me that his late Pastorate is now vacant, and that St. Stephen's Church, near Strasburg, until lately in connection with the Concordia District of the Ohio Synod, has severed its connection with that Synod and united with his former Pastorate, and will apply for admission into this Synod at its present Convention.

Very lately I received a letter from Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, informing me that he has within the last synodical year organized two new congregations, and added them to his Pastorate, viz.: Alma Fairview and Cedar Point, which will make application to be received into connection with this Synod during this Convention.

Inasmuch as the 3rd Section of Art. I. of the By-Laws of this Synod require the President "to make a statement of all important events that have occurred relating to Synod, which may have come to his knowledge," I feel it my duty to report some additional things which have occurred, and, properly, should have been officially reported to me, but by some means have not been furnished me;—having seen some of them stated in the public prints, and heard of others from reliable sources:

I have heard that Revs. J. S. Koiner, J. C. Moser and Dr. M. L. Fox have removed from their former places of residence, and that the two former have taken, each, a Professorship in Concordia College, and the latter also resides at Conover.

I have also learned, that by the removal of Rev. J. C. Moser, his late Pastorate, consisting of St. Mark's, Mount Moriah and Phanuel's Churches, in Rowan County, N. C., and Morning Star, in Mecklenburg, and Emmanuel's, in Union, County, N. C., have become vacant; I have, however, heard that Rev. J. R. Peterson has taken a temporary oversight of the two latter Churches.

I am credibly informed that Prof. J. C. Moser is regularly serving Sharon's and St. Martin's Churches, in Iredell County, N. C.

Although I was the Presiding Officer of Synod, I was not aware that

Rev. J. S. Koiner had been installed as Pastor of Zion's Church, until I saw it stated in the columns of *Our Church Paper*.

I have no official notice of the facts, but have seen it stated in *Our Church Paper*, that Houses of Worship have been dedicated during the year in Mt. Pleasant Congregation, Wautauga County, N. C., and in Bold Spring Congregation, Caldwell County, N. C., and also in Philadelphia Congregation, Caldwell County, N. C.

I have also learned, that the corner-stone was laid some time ago, and that a new House of Worship is being constructed in Pilgrim's Congregation, Davidson County, N. C.

I am informed that Concordia College, at Conover, N. C., has a fair patronage and enjoys a reasonable degree of prosperity.

Through the columns of *Our Church Paper*, I learned soon after it occurred, that Rev. J. S. Bennick, our highly esteemed fellow-laborer in the vineyard of our Lord, departed this life within the last synodical year. I would recommend the appointment of a suitable committee to prepare a suitable report to his memory for publication in our Minutes, and also in the columns of *Our Church Paper*.

These, dear brethren, are the facts I have felt it my duty to lay before you in this report. There are some things I would like to recommend in addition to these statements, but the report is already a very lengthy one.

Now, permit me to surrender the Chair you so kindly placed me in, and humbly hope that upon whom you devolve its duties for the next year, may be better able to discharge them than I have been.

Respectfully submitted, A. J. FOX.

Letters, Petitions, and Papers, addressed to Synod, were called for and presented, to be placed in the hands of a Committee, consisting of Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little, for arrangement and classification.

The President announced the following

Standing Committees:

I. On Missions.—Revs. Dr. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson, and A. L. Crouse.

II. On State of the Church.—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. C. Moser, and J. K. Efird.

III. On Examination.—Revs. J. M. Smith, J. C. Moser, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

IV. On President's Report.—Revs. J. R. Peterson, I. Conder, and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

V. On Treasurers' Reports.—Maj. H. A. Meetze and Rev. E. L. Lybrand.

VI. On Unfinished Business.—Revs. A. J. Fox, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. C. M. Efird.

VII. On Letters and Petitions.—Revs. M. L. Little, J. A. Cromer, and Col. G. H. Chapman.

VIII. On Committee on Examination of Candidates for the Ministry.—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. S. Koiner, and I. Conder.

IX. On Ordination.—Revs. A. J. Fox, J. R. Peterson.

The hours of 9 A. M., 12 M., 2 P. M., and 4 P. M., were fixed as the hours of opening and closing the sessions.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Dr. S. Henkel.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday, Oct. 16, 9 A. M.

Session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. R. Peterson.

The Minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

Rev. Peter Miller, Corresponding-Delegate from the South Carolina Synod, was received and invited to a seat within the bar of Synod.

On motion, St. David's Congregation, Shenandoah Co., Va., and Mt. Nebo Congregation, Rochelle, Madison Co., Va., were received into connection with our Synod.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was received and acted upon by items, and then recommitted.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, the Committee on Unfinished Business, make the following report:

Item 1. On page 7, we find a Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox and Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, appointed to inquire into the expediency of erecting tombstones at the graves of Rev. Ambrose Henkel, New Market, Va., and Rev. Phil. Henkel, Richland Church, Randolph County, N. C. Is that Committee ready to report?

Item 2. On same page, we find a Committee appointed, of which Rev. P. C. Henkel is Chairman, to examine and, if found qualified, to ordain Mr. D. A. Goodman to the office of Pastor. Has that Committee discharged its duty?

Item 3. On page 8, a Committee, of which Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox is Chairman, was appointed to examine and, if found qualified, to ordain Prof. W. P. Cline to the office of Pastor. Has this been done?

Item 4. On page 11, we find the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod were postponed until this meeting of Synod.

Item 5. On page 12, we find that a Committee, consisting of Rev. S. Henkel and Rev. L. A. Fox, was appointed to prepare a form of an Ordination Certificate. Is this Committee prepared to report?

Item 6. On same page, we find that a Committee, of which Rev. J. N. Stirewalt is Chairman, was appointed to memorialize the Ministers and people on the subject of Beneficiary Education.

Respectfully,

A. J. FOX,
J. P. STIREWALT,
C. M. EFIRD.

Item 1. Not complied with. The Committee was continued with the substitution of Rev. A. L. Crouse for Rev. S. Henkel.

Item 2. Complied with, and the name of Mr. D. A. Goodman was recorded in the clerical roll.

Item 3. Complied with, and the following Report of the Committee on the Ordination of Candidate W. P. Cline, was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Ordination of Candidate, W. P. Cline.

As Chairman of your Committee, I beg leave to submit the following:

After consulting Rev. T. Moser the other member of the Committee, Mr. Cline, and the Congregation at St. Luke's, Lincoln County, N. C., I made an appointment, for the purposes designed by the appointment of the Committee, at that place, on the 11th day of December, 1881. At the time agreed upon, I went to the place appointed, and met Mr. Cline and the Congregation assembled, but Rev. T. Moser, the other member of the Committee, failed to meet us; as he soon afterwards informed me, on account of ill-health. Mr. Cline and the Congregation were anxious to proceed in the work for which we were assembled. Being alone as I was, I felt considerable hesitancy in regard to the matter; but inasmuch as Mr. Cline had been preaching statedly for those people, and as it was understood that immediately after his ordination he would take the Pastoral oversight of the Congregation, I, at length, proposed to the Officers of the Congregation, that I would do as they desired, provided they would join me in conducting a public examination of the candidate, and in the event we should find him qualified to bear the office of the Ministry, and with me, subscribe a certificate of ordination. In view of his probably becoming their Pastor, they readily consented. His examination

proved entirely satisfactory. He was found well qualified, both in Literary and Theological attainment. On the day following he was publicly consecrated, in the manner and form prescribed in our Lutheran Liturgy, and received his credentials, signed by the Chairman of the Committee and the Officers of the Congregation.

Should these transactions be approved by the Synod, his name should be placed upon our regular Catalogue of Ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
Chairman of Committee.

Item 4. In regard to this item the motion was sustained, and the Committee consists of Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, P. C. Henkel, T. Moser, and Prof. R. A. Yoder.

Moved, That the proposed amendments to the Constitution of Synod be entrusted to a Committee whose duty it shall be to consider them and report at the convention of Synod next year.

Item 5. Not complied with. The Committee was discharged. Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little were constituted a Committee to prepare a form of Ordination Certificate.

Item 6. Complied with, and a Committee, composed of Revs. A. J. Fox and J. P. Stirewalt, was appointed to call the attention of Ministers and people in our connection, by letter, or otherwise, to the subject of Beneficiary Education, urging upon them its importance and their duty.

The Committee on President's Report submitted a report, which was considered by items.

We, your Committee, appointed to examine and report on the President's Report, find nothing in that document requiring our action, except his reference to the death of our lamented brother, Rev. J. S. Bennick, and we recommend, that a Committee of three be appointed to report resolutions of this sad event. Respectfully submitted.

J. R. PETERSON,
I. CONDER,
HENRY A. MEETZE.

Item 1. Sustained, and the President appointed Revs. J. R. Peterson, I. Conder and J. P. Stirewalt, to prepare the resolutions on the death of Rev. J. S. Bennick.

St. Stephen's Congregation, Shenandoah County, Va., Cedar Point, and Alma Fairview, Page County, Va., were received into connection with this Synod.

The Annual Report of the retiring President was re-committed.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to prepare, for the Archives of Synod, a complete roll of all Congregations in its connection, and that the Ministers give him, at his request, all the assistance they can.

Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the remaining item of their report.

Item 7. Said report being re-committed, the Committee beg leave to enquire further, if the Committee appointed on page 7, (Minutes of 1881), of which Rev. J. C. Moser is Chairman, in regard to receiving Concordia High School into connection with this Synod, is ready to report?

A. J. FOX,
J. P. STIREWALT,
C. M. EFIRD.

The Committee, not being ready to report, was, at their own request, continued.

The Report on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported, and the report was received and considered by items.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions beg leave to submit the following report:

CLASS I.—EXCUSES FOR ABSENCE FROM SYNOD.

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., in which he asks to be excused for his non-attendance upon this Convention of Synod, assigning, as a reason, pressure of duties. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, of similar import. We recommend that he be not excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. M. L. Fox, of same import. We recommend that he be not excused.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, assigning the reason of his ab-

sence to be bodily infirmities and want of means. We recommend he be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, asking to be excused from this meeting. We recommend that he be not excused.

CLASS II.—PETITIONS FOR ORDINATION.

Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are Petitions from St. Mark's, Mt. Moriah, Rowan County, and Phanuel's, Cabarrus County, N. C., asking for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of Prof. D. J. Suttlemyer, to the holy office of the Ministry, praying also for his services.

Nos. 4 and 5 are Petitions of like import, from Killian's, Catawba County, and Luther's, Burke County, N. C. Your Committee recommend the appointment of a Committee of three, consisting of Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and J. M. Smith, to attend to this work at such time as may be agreed upon by the Committee and the candidate.

CLASS III.—PETITIONS FOR NEXT CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

No. 1 is a Petition from Beck's Church, Davidson County, N. C., praying for the next meeting of Synod to be held in their church.

No. 2 is a Petition from Pilgrim's Church, Davidson County, N. C., of same import.

No. 3 is a Petition from Concordia Church, Conover, N. C., of like import.

CLASS IV.—MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 1 is a Petition from Killian's Church, Catawba County, N. C., asking to be received into connection with this Synod. We recommend that this congregation be received.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, asking this Synod to take into consideration the division of the Synod into State district Synods.

No. 3 is a Petition from Melanchthon's Church, Randolph County, N. C., asking Synod to send them a preacher.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. LITTLE,
J. A. CROMER,
G. H. CHAPMAN.

Class I.—No. 1. Rev. L. A. Fox, D. D., excused.

No. 2. Rev. J. M. Smith not excused.

No. 3. Rev. M. L. Fox not excused.

No. 4. Rev. T. Moser excused.

No. 5. Rev. C. H. Bernheim not excused.

Class II.—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Pending the discussion of these items, Synod adjourned. Prayer by the President.

THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, Oct. 16, 2 o'clock.

During recess, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt preached from Eph. 3 : 19.

House was called to order by the President. Roll called.

The pending items of the report on Letters and Petitions were resumed and after some discussion, the recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

Class III.—Nos. 1, 2, 3. It was moved to ballot for the place of holding the next Convention. The motion was sustained.

Concordia Church, Conover, Catawba County, N. C., was chosen, by ballot, as the place for the next Convention of Synod. The time for the Convention was fixed at 10 o'clock, on Saturday before the first full moon in October, 1883.

Class IV.—No. 1. The recommendation prevailed, and Killian's congregation, Catawba County, N. C., was received.

No. 2. It was moved that Synod consider the propriety of Districting herself according to States. After discussing the subject, the following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, was adopted.

In view of various contingent circumstances, I offer the following as a substitute, for the motion before Synod: Be it *Resolved*, That in regard to Rev. C. H. Bernheim's suggestion to district our Synod, Synod is not prepared to entertain said suggestion at this time, whilst, however, it may be desirable in the near future.

No. 3. It was moved, that a Committee of two be appointed to consider the petition from Melanchthon's Church, and report at this session of Synod. Committee—Revs. P. C. Henkel and A. J. Fox.

The Report on Letters and Petitions was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer, Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, submitted his report.

Treasurer's Report.

New Market, Shenandoah County, Va.,
October 11th, 1882.

SOCRATES HENKEL in Account with
Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

1881.					Dr.
Sept. 14,	To amount from former Treasurer, Rev. J. M. Smith.				$ 65 60
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. R. Peterson	9 35
"	"	"	"	Rev. W. P. Cline	30
"	"	"	"	Rev. C. H. Bernheim	1 80
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. M. Smith	3 80
"	"	"	"	G. D. Armentrout	60
"	"	"	"	Rev. A. J. Fox	3 50
"	"	"	"	Rev. P. C. Henkel	3 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. R. A. Yoder	2 50
"	"	"	"	N. W. Bowman	50
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. N. Stirewalt	1 40
"	"	"	"	Rev. D. Efird	70
"	"	"	"	Dr. Eargle	30
"	"	"	"	Mr. J. F. Drafts	50
"	"	"	"	J. K. Efird	2 70
"	"	"	"	Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox	2 00
"	"	"	"	Mr. L. M. Zirkle	2 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. I. Conder	40
"	"	"	"	Rev. T. Moser	2 00
"	"	"	"	H. J. Wessinger	20
"	"	"	"	Rev. Lybrand	90
"	"	"	"	Rev. Goodman	1 15
"	"	"	"	Rev. J. C. Moser	3 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. S. Henkel	1 00
Nov. 1.	"	"	"	Mr. Jos. Shealey.	1 00
"	"	"	"	Rev. Lybrand	30
Nov. 30.	"	"	"	Rev. Hausenfluck	50
Dec. 22.	"	"	"	"	90
1882.					
Jan. 5.	"	"	"	Minutes sold	40
					$112.30

1881.
Oct. 10. To amount paid Henkel & Co. for printing, binding, and mailing 800 copies of Minutes $45.50

1882.
Oct. 10. Balance on hand, due Synod $66.80

$112 30

The Committee on Treasurers' Reports submitted the following reports which were received and adopted.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.—The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Synod have discharged that duty and find the same to be correct. He has a balance in his hands and due the Synod of sixty-six dollars and eighty cents.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MEETZE, Chairman,
E. L. LYBRAND.

SOCRATES HENKEL'S Report as Agent for Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund. Oct. 10, 1882.

1881.		Dr.
Sept. 3,	To amount from Mt. Zion Church) S. Henkel's charge.....	$ 4 38
" 27,	To amount from Emmanuel's.....)	14 50
" 14,	To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge.....	12 19
" 14,	To amount from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge.....	4 00
" 14,	To amount from Rev. J. A. Cromer.....	2 00
		$37 07

1882.		Cr.	
June 5,	By amount paid T. E. Armentrout.....	$40 00	
Oct. 10,	To amount from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge.....		$19 40
" 11,	To amount from Emmanuel's Church) S. Henkel's charge		12 00
" 11,	To amount from Mt. Zion Church .....)		6 00
			$74 47
			40 00
			$34 47

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

T. MOSER, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund,
In account with the
Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

1882.		Dr.
Sept. 10,	To cash on hand.....	$135 70
Dec. 10,	To cash from J. C. Moser's charge.....	12 00
1882.	From T. Moser's charge,	
" Sept. 17,	St. Mark's, Rowan Co., N. C.	2 00
" " 17,	Mt. Moriah, " "	10 00
" " 24,	St. Martin's, Stanley Co., "	1 50
" Oct. 1,	St. Martin's, Cabarrus " "	6 35
" " 8,	Phanuel, Rowan Co., "	3 00
	Amount.....	$170 55

1881.		Cr.
Dec. 20,	By cash paid T. E. Armentrout,	$100 00
" 20, " "	Postage	13
	Amount	$100 13
	Balance in my hands	$70 42

T. MOSER, Treas. Ben. Fund.

The Committee on the Report of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund reported as follows:

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:—The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund have discharged that duty, and find the same to be correct, and that there is in his hands a balance of Seventy Dollars and forty-two cents, and in the hands of his agent, Dr. S. Henkel, the sum of Thirty-four Dollars and forty-seven cents, making in the aggregate the sum of One Hundred and Four Dollars and eighty-nine cents.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. MEETZE, Chairman,
E. L. LYBRAND.

Oct. 16, 1882.

Synod adjourned. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. K. Efird. House was called to order by the President. Roll called.

Rev. P. Miller conveyed to this Synod the fraternal greetings of the Evang. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, and, at the request of the President, was replied to by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox in a few pertinent remarks.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse, was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend "Grades in the Ministry," a book by the late Rev. Jacob Stirewalt, to the careful study and impartial examination of our people, both clerical and lay.*

Report of the Delegate to Evang. Lutheran Synod of N. C.

Your Delegate begs leave to submit the following:

Some very urgent business matters being very unexpectedly thrust upon me, demanding immediate attention, prevented me from discharging

*The book can be had of the Publisher, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, New Market, Va.

the duty assigned by my appointment. For several reasons I was anxious to meet our brethren of the Synod of North Carolina, and regretted my inability to do so very much; I, however, addressed a fraternal letter to the Synod, a copy of which I herewith submit. I learn this letter was very kindly received and read before the Synod.

I learn from the public prints, that a committee of two ministers and one layman, was appointed to meet and confer with a similar committee from this Synod, in regard to such territory as may be in dispute between the two Synods. It is my opinion, that the committee asked for should be appointed, and trust every suitable means will be employed to secure an amicable adjustment of every misunderstanding, which in any way disturbs the peace and prosperity of our beloved Lutheran Church in North Carolina. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

The report was received and adopted.

On motion, a Committee, composed of Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and Mr. A. Costner, was appointed to confer with a Committee, appointed by the North Carolina Synod, in regard to such territory as may interlap between the two Synods.

Parochial Reports were now read.

Synod adjourned till after recess. Benediction by the President.

During recess, Rev. J. R. Peterson preached from Matt. 22: 1, 14. Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox preached Monday evening, in Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Spring Hill, from 1 John 1: 5, 6, 7, 8.

FIFTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President. Roll called.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, was adopted:

Be it *Resolved*, That it be the duty of our ministers to obtain the number of baptized persons, infants and adults, as well as that of the communicant members, and report the result of their efforts to the next session of Synod, with a view to arranging our Parochial Report, so as to give the whole strength of our Synod, by adding a column for the insertion of such members.

The resolution, offered by Maj. H. A. Meetze, on Sunday school work, was adopted:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, at the future meetings of this Synod, Sunday afternoons shall be devoted to Sunday school work; and the *pastors loci* where synodical meetings are held are charged with the duty of making the necessary arrangements, to give interest and effect to these services.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, was adopted:

Resolved, That each of our Pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular Convention of our Synod.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. S. Henkel, was adopted:

It is meet and right, that the dignity, sacredness, and solemnity of the ministerial office be preserved and perpetuated, and in order that it may not be lowered and disparaged, be it *Resolved*, That Synod recommend, that all applicants for examination and ordination, and for whom there are petitions to Synod from a congregation, or congregations, praying for such examination and ordination, and extending a call or a request for pastoral services on the part of the subject of such petition or petitions, appear at some session of this Synod, prepared to submit to such examination, and if found qualified, to receive such ordination, and be it further *Resolved*, that it is the sentiment of this Synod, that this recommendation should be acquiesced in, in all possible cases, as the order of Synod in all ordinary cases.

The Committee on Petition from Melanchthon Congregation read the following report. The report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Petition from Melanchthon Congregation.

Your Committee on petition from Melanchthon Church, Randolph County, N. C., for a minister, would report the following: Inasmuch as we have no one whom we could send to them at this time, we recommend Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox, and others, be advised to visit them as often as possible, until their request can be complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL.

Report of the Committee on Examination was read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your Committee on examination of P. C. Wyke, an applicant for beneficiary aid, report that we have held such examination; and, being convinced that he possesses the necessary qualifications, recommend that

he be received and directed according to our regulations. We have, also, had an interview with J. P. Price, and are satisfied as to his moral qualifications, but in view of the fact that he has made scarcely a beginning in his education, we deem it unnecessary to place his name upon our roll of students at present, but recommend that he pursue his studies as zealously as he is able to do.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD,
E. L. LYBRAND.

Synod having ascertained the condition of the Beneficiary Treasury, it was moved to consider appropriations for which application was made.

On motion, Synod made an appropriation of eighty dollars ($80.00) to Mr. P. C. Wyke. The motion was sustained.

It was moved, that Synod make an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) to Mr. D. A. Sox. The motion prevailed.

The Committee on Missions submitted the following report, which was received, considered, and adopted:

Your Committee on Missions report, that it has no data from the Secretaries of the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences; and, therefore, has no report to make in reference to the work in those sections. A paper has been addressed to the Synod from a Committee of the South Carolina Conference, which we herewith submit, and recommend that it be read in Synod, considered, and such action taken as may seem necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE.

Report of S. C. Conference of E. L. Tennessee Synod in Regard to Mission Work.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:

The South Carolina Conference, connected with your body, during its July meeting, constituted the subscribed parties a Committee to bring its acts and views in the mission work before you, in accordance with which action, we beg leave to submit the following:

1st. Said Conference, in obedience to the resolution of Synod, passed Nov., 1879, at Summit, at its next meeting, Aug., 1880, adopted a systematic plan for prosecuting the work, which plan provides an Executive Committee with proper adjuncts, into whose hands the work is entrusted, subject to the approval of the Conference. Said Committee is now in active existence.

2d. Said Committee has from time to time expended such funds as have been put in their possession in giving such aid to such people and places, as it deemed best. We now have in operation a systematic plan for raising funds, and at one time had a German Missionary, who visited all Germans immigrating to this State upon their arrival, and which has been discontinued, because we have no man who can fill the place.

3d. Said Committee finds itself much hampered for the scarcity of ministers, and after bringing its views before said Conference, and discussing the same fully, the Conference unanimously agreed—That the said work could not be pushed effectively, except by some men who had the time to visit remote places,—spending days with the people—working up their resources—gathering up the stray ones, and encouraging those already at work. Certain it is that no one Conference in our Synod, has or will accomplish thus much.

THEREFORE we beg leave to *recommend:*

1st, That the Synod rescind its action of November, 1879.

2d, That it recommend the Conferences to keep in active force their plans for raising missionary funds.

3d, That the Synod put a regular missionary in the field.

All of which we think can be effected by the earnest and energetic co-operation of the Conference, in connection with what the people aided could pay toward the salary of said missionary.

All of which we respectfully submit for the earnest and prayerful consideration of your body.

HENRY A. MEETZE, CHAIRMAN,
C. M. EFIRD,
E. L. LYBRAND.

October 13th, 1882.

The report was received and considered by items.

Pending the discussion of item 1st of this report, Synod adjourned till Wednesday morning. Benediction by Rev. M. L. Little.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 9 *o'clock.*

Synod was opened with divine services, conducted by Rev. I. Conder. House called to order by the President. Roll called.

On motion, Rev. T. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds is absent,

Resolved, That his agent is authorized to receive all moneys that can be

paid over at this session of Synod, and pay to our beneficiaries half the amount appropriated, provided he obtains satisfactory receipts, and for which they shall execute their bonds when the whole appropriation is received.

Rev. J. C. Moser was excused.

Rev. R. A. Yoder was excused.

Rev. J. N. Stirewalt was not excused.

Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was not excused.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. A. L. Crouse, were adopted:

Resolved, That the names of all our regularly received candidates for the ministry be appended to our clerical roll.

Resolved, That the names of all our beneficiaries be appended to our clerical roll.

The usual vote of thanks, expressed in the following language, was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention of Synod, hereby tender our most sincere thanks, to the members of this Congregation, and other citizens of this vicinity, for the very kind and cordial manner in which they have received and entertained us, during our stay among them; and that the President of Synod read this resolution to-day, at the close of the sermon.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this Convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each general body of Lutherans, in this country, one copy; and the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence, one copy each; our institutions of learning, one copy each; our Lutheran publications, two copies each; and our beneficiaries and applicants, one copy each.

Corresponding Delegates to other Synods:—

To S. C. Synod.—Rev. M. L. Little, Principal; Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Alternate.

To N. C. Synod.—Rev. J. R. Peterson, Principal; Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Alternate.

To Virginia Synod.—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Principal; Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Alternate.

It was moved to re-open correspondence with the E. Lutheran Holston Synod.

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed Corresponding Delegate to the Holston Synod, with Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Alternate.

IN MEMORY OF

REV. JOHN S. BENNICK.

We, your Committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions, have adopted the following:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God, in his all-wise Providence, to remove our lamented brother, J. S. Bennick, from his work on earth to his reward in heaven;

Be it Resolved 1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved 2. In his death, the Church militant has lost a most efficient and faithful laborer.

Resolved 3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the face of the Minutes, and that one page be devoted to his memory.

Resolved 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family.

J. R. PETERSON,
I. CONDER,
J. P. STIREWALT.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted by all the members of Synod, standing in profound silence for a few minutes.

It was moved that our applicant, Mr. T. E. Armentrout, be directed to place himself under the care of Rev. A. L. Crouse for this Synodical year, and that he prosecute his studies as rapidly as possible. The motion was sustained.

The Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church, read his report, which was received and considered; and, being amended, stands as follows:

Report of Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church is represented here by only one member, and its report cannot be as full as it should be. Much that should be brought out will necessarily escape attention.

In many respects we find that the general condition of the Synod has been improved. In many places new and elegant houses of worship have been built, both by old and new congregations. Several new congregations have been organized, and estranged ones reclaimed. More interest in mission work has been manifested. Money has been raised, missions established and supplied. This indicates that our people are becoming more concerned about the extension of the church; hence, we find somewhat less selfishness.

The accessions to our membership have been as large, and perhaps of as worthy character, as any year in our history. We do not think that any body, with an equal number of laborers, has outstripped us in this respect. We are also confident, that the majority of persons received into our communion have been well trained in the catechetical class and Sunday school.

We notice also, that our people are manifesting greater interest in the cause of education. Many have been induced to give to our colleges and schools, who a few years ago thought such a thing an innovation not to be tolerated. No doubt more has been done in this way, by a number of congregations, during the past year, than any previous one. Parents, too, have been moved to give more attention to the education of their children, and, as a natural consequence, we hear of an increase in the number of young men making an effort to prepare for the work of the ministry.

There is an improvement in the work of beneficence, but not commensurate with the resources of the people and the demands of the Church. More money has been collected this year than last, and yet we are not doing our whole duty.

Most of our Ministers have been prosecuting the work with zeal and energy, but many of them at a sad disadvantage, in view of the extent of

their charges. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, the best possible has been done, considering the depleted ranks of our ministry.

In view of these elements of prosperity, we have a right to expect that the fond hopes entertained at our last Convention were all realized, but, with sadness, we are compelled to report otherwise, in respect to some of the features of the state of the Church.

In Virginia, we can safely say, as aforetime, that there are no divisions in the congregations, and that the ministers are keeping the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. They walk in love and respect each others feelings. They are not given over to jealousy, but know how to honor each others ability and excuse each others infirmities.

In North Carolina, we "hear that there are divisions, and we partly believe it." We do not think that there are any serious differences in matters of faith, but there is not that concert of action that should characterize a Conference. Neither is there sufficient respect for the feelings of each other among some of the ministers. Ministers should not think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, lest they look more to the immortalization of their names than the glory of God. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," for "Ye are brethren." Ministers should not think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, lest they look more to the extension of their territory and influence, and the immortalization of their names than the glory of God. "Let this same mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," for you are his servants.

In South Carolina, some of the things formerly complained of have been removed, and the internecine strife once carried on has, in a great degree, abated. One minister has resigned, and another moved away, and their action has been criticised, perhaps, too freely. However, we think that good has already resulted from some, if not all, of the changes that have been made.

In Alabama, our cause is holding out bravely, and the people have done admirably well. There is but one hindrance to almost unbounded prosperity there, and that is the want of laborers. The people are liberal and zealous, and will do their part well.

Looking again at the whole Synod there is, in many places, a lack of interest in Sunday schools, and a fearful want of attention to the reading of Church literature. The Minutes of Synod are not circulated as they ought to be, and the people are not well enough acquainted with the work and demands of Synod.

There is also too much negligence in training the people in the responsive service in the Church.

While all these things that are wrong, are unpleasant and need correction, we have much to cause us to thank God and take courage.

A. L. CROUSE.

The two amendments to the report on the state of the church were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The following paper was read before Synod, and discussed to a limited extent:

WHEREAS, The Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod has in time past held aloof from direct connection with other Lutheran bodies in this country, from reasons patent and well known to all persons acquainted with her history; and since said reasons have been dispelled by other bodies, planting themselves on the same basis as ourselves; and whereas in union and co-operative energy there is resistless strength; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, now in Convention assembled, do adopt the Constitution of "The Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America," and do elect a delegation, proportioned according to Article II. of said Constitution, to represent this Synod in the next regular Convention of said General Synod, to sit in the City of Charleston, in April proximo.

Pending the discussion of this paper, pertaining to effecting a union with the General Synod in North America, Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President. During recess, Rev. E. L. Lybrand preached from Phil. 2: 5.

SEVENTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 *o'clock*.

House was called to order by the President, the roll was called, and Synod at once proceeded to business.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by Rev. S. Henkel, were adopted:

WHEREAS, A paper is before Synod, asking Synod to take into consideration the propriety of effecting some connection with the Southern E. L. General Synod, and whereas, this is a matter which requires careful and matured consideration; hence, in view of the late hour of this session of Synod, in which the said paper was offered, be it

Resolved, That this paper be deferred to our next Annual Session of Synod, for consideration.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was adopted:

As a substitute for the motion now before the Synod, I offer the following: In view of the probability of some change taking place in the present polity of our Synod at no far distant date, be it

Resolved, That we deem it injudicious, as well as impolitic, to change our present system of missionary work, as indicated in the report of the

South Carolina Conference of the Evang. Lutheran Tennessee Synod, suggesting a change in our present policy of missionary operations.

On motion, it was made the duty of the Secretary to prepare an extract of the proceedings of this Convention of Synod, for publication in *Our Church Paper.*

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, was adopted:

Resolved, That the facts set forth by the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, showing as they do, that rather an unfavorable state of things exists among our people in the State of North Carolina, this Synod most earnestly advises all concerned to, at the earliest possible period, make a united effort to adjust any difficulties that may exist in that section of our Church.

It was moved to reconsider Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's excuse. After due consideration, Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck was excused.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statement of the President in regard to his writing the history of our Synod, and hope that his expectations may be realized, and the work forthcoming by the next session of this Synod.

It was moved to dispense with reading the Minutes. The motion prevailed.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Closed by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

J. PAUL STIREWALT, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS REPORTING.	Entered the Ministry.	Con'gations.	Communicants.	Ad. Baptisms	In. Baptisms.	Confir'ations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	S. Schools.	Teachers.	S.S.Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Ben. Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.
Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D	1837	5	550	2	52	31	40	...	...	5	35	260	...	$ 3 20	...	...	...
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Saturday.

Synodical Sermon, Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, Text, 1 Cor., 4, 1–2.

Sunday.

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Mt. Olivet, Spring Hill: Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, St. Luke 14, 16–24.

Monday.

Rev. J. Paul Stirewalt, Text, Eph. 3, 19—first clause.

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Tuesday.

Rev. J. R. Peterson, St. Matth. 22, 1–14.

Wednesday.

Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Phil. 2, 5.

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1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
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Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

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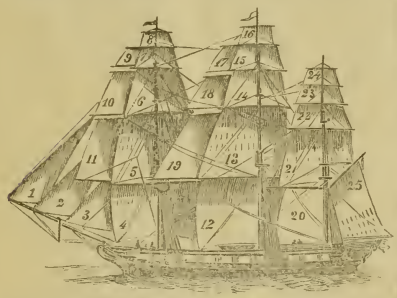

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COR. SECRETARY—REV. C. H. BERNHEIM,.....Lexington, N. C.
TREASURER—REV. J. N. STIREWALT,.....Stony Man, Va.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ON MISSIONS:

REVS. J. M. SMITH, J. C. MOSER, AND W. P. CLINE.

ON STATE OF THE CHURCH:

REVS. T. MOSER, J. S. KOINER, AND A. L. CROUSE.

ON EXAMINATION:

REVS. J. C. MOSER, A. J. FOX, A. L. CROUSE, J. N. STIREWALT, J. K. EFIRD, AND J. A. CROMER.

PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next Convention will be held in St. Mary's (Pine) Church, near Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah county, Va., commencing on Saturday, 10 A. M., before the last Sunday in September, 1884.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

CONOVER, N. C.,
OCT. 13, 1883.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD met in its Sixty-Third Annual Convention with St. James congregation, in the Chapel of Concordia College, in Conover, N. C., on Saturday, October 13th, 1883. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt preached the opening sermon from 1 Cor. 3, 11.

After recess the house was called to order. Divine services were conducted by the President. The Secretary called the clerical roll:

Roll of Ministers.

	Names.	Residences.
1	Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D.,	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" P. C. Henkel, D. D.,	Conover, N. C.
3	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, N. C.
4	" T. Moser,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
5	" D. Efird,*	Lexington, S. C.
6	" S. Henkel, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
7	" C. H. Bernheim,	Lexington, N. C.
8	" J. M. Smith,	Conover, N. C.
9	" I. Conder,*	McGaheysville, Va.
10	" L. A. Fox, D. D.,*	Salem, Va.
11	" J. N. Stirewalt,	Stony Man, Va.
12	" M. L. Fox, M. D.,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
13	" A. L. Crouse,	Waynesboro, Va.
14	" J. P. Stirewalt,	New Market, Va.

*Absent and excused.

	Names.	Residences.
15	Rev. M. L. Little,	Dallas, N. C.
16	" J. C. Moser,	Conover, N. C.
17	" J. W. Hausenfluck,*	Alma, Va.
18	" J. K. Efird,	Prosperity, S. C.
19	" J. A. Cromer,*	Columbia, S. C.
20	" E. L. Lybrand,	Columbia, S. C.
21	" R. A. Yoder,*	Philadelphia, Pa.
22	" J. S. Koiner,	Spring Hill, S. C.
23	" D. A. Goodman,	Happy Home, N. C.
24	" W. P. Cline,	Newton, N. C.
25	" D. A. Sox,†	Oak Level, Alabama.
26	" D. J. Settlemyre,†	China Grove, N. C.
27	" J. A. Rudisill,†	Jug Town, N. C.

Candidates for the Ministry.

T. E. Armentrout,	McGaheysville, Va.
J. F. Moser,	Conover, N. C.
A. L. Sigman,	Conover, N. C.

Beneficiaries.

P. C. Wike,	Conover, N. C.
W. A. Boyte,	" "
J. P. Price,	" "
W. L. Darr,	" "
N. G. Deal,	" "
D. M. Moser,	" "

The following Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election, and their names were enrolled:

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
W. W. Lorick	Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, and St. Thomas, S. C.
Maj. H. A. Meetze	St. Peter's (Meetze's) and St. Andrew's, S. C.
J. P. Price	Emmanuel, S. C.
J. W. Summer	St. John's, St. Peter's (P. W.) & Cedar Grove, S. C.
J. T. Monts	Zion, St. Paul's, and St. James, S. C.
Wm. Jenkins	Antioch, N. C.
John D. Hoover	Salem, N. C.
David Lohr	Grace, N. C.
A. M. Long	Emmanuel and Morning Star, N. C.
I. R. Stroup	Christ's, N. C.
N. P. Efird	St. Martin's, Stanley Co., St. Martin's and Lutheran Union, Cabarrus Co., N. C.
P. A. Keply	New Jerusalem, N. C.

*Absent and excused. †Ordained at this session.

Names.	Churches Represented.
W. L. Grimes	Pilgrim, N. C.
Haley Myers	Emmanuel, N. C.
J. S. Lipe	Mt. Moriah, N. C.
H. C. Goodman	St. Mark's, N. C.
J. P. Collins	St. Martin's, Iredell Co., N. C.
J. L. Yount	Concordia, N. C.
M. W. Shook	Sharon, N. C.
D. D. Seitze	Zion, N. C.
W. M. Robinson	Luther Chapel, N. C.
Sam'l E. Killian	Emmanuel, N. C.
Henry Setzer	Philadelphia, N. C.
D. P. Yount	Trinity, N. C.
P. W. Carpenter	Bethphage, N. C.
L. M. Rheinhardt	Sardis, N. C.
John D. Hoke	Luther Chapel, N. C.
Jas. T. Miller	St. Stephen's, N. C.
Q. M. Smith	St. Peter's, N. C.
F. L. Fry	Friendship, N. C.
Anthony Moser	Melanchthon, N. C.
G. W. L. Meize	Philadelphia, N. C.
J. E. Corpening	Mt. Zion, N. C.
N. Wineberger	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
D. W. Moose	Piny Grove, N. C.
F. L. Herman	St. Paul's, N. C.
J. P. Yount	St. John's, N. C.
W. S. Mauney	St. Matthew's, N. C.
D. V. Clippard	Sharon, N. C.
D. E. Whitener	Holy Trinity, N. C.
A. M. Yount	St. James, N. C.
A. A. Brown	Newton, N. C.
F. C. Sipe	St. John's, N. C.
D. A. Sox	St. Michael's, Ala.
A. M. Huit	St. James, N. C.

The President read the following report:

President's Report.

Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be and abide with us.

It is through the tender mercy and beneficent providence of our heavenly Father, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in its sixty-third annual convention, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, to sympathize with each

other, to counsel and encourage each other, and to devise the best and most judicious ways and means for promoting the Gospel, maintaining and perpetuating the sacred, saving, and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and integrity, and for the promotion and extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, as well as properly realize the sacred duties devolving upon us, devoutly raising our hearts in thankfulness and gratitude to the Father of Lights, the Giver of all good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring him for a continuance of his mercies and providential care.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren, in connection with this Synod, have been preserved during the past Synodical year, whilst the deaths among our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The health of our Synod in a physical, moral, and spiritual aspect, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

Official Acts:—October 17, 1882, I paid to Beneficiary D. A. Sox, per order, as agent for Treasurer of Beneficiary Association, seventy-five dollars, $75.00,—one-half of the appropriation made by Synod in his favor. October 17, 1882, I also, under the same circumstances, paid over to Beneficiary P. C. Wike, forty dollars, $40.00,—one-half of the amount appropriated for his benefit, by Synod. Jan. 10, 1883, I issued an order on the Treasurer of Beneficiary Association, Rev. T. Moser, to Beneficiary P. C. Wike, for forty dollars, $40.00. February 9, 1883, I issued an order on said Treasurer in favor of Beneficiary D. A. Sox for seventy-five dollars, $75.00.

Pastoral Charges:—Rev. J. K. Efird notified me, that he had resigned St. Peter's or Meetze's church, and had taken charge of St. Peter's (Piny Woods) church, and St. John's, Lexington co., South Carolina. Rev. I. Conder informed me, that he had taken charge of a church near Matthews, North Carolina. Rev. Prof. M. L. Little informs me, that the following changes have taken place in his charge:—A new congregation has been organized at Cherryville, North Carolina, of which he is now pastor, and that a new, commodious church-edifice has been erected there. Early in the year, he resigned Bethphage. Recently he resigned Sardis church, Catawba co.; and Trinity, Lincoln co., N. C. In August, he reorganized a congregation near Dallas, Gaston co., N. C., where arrangements are being made for the erection of a new brick church. Having received a call, he has taken charge of Luther Chapel. Rev. J. I. Miller has taken charge of St. Luke's church, Luray, Page co., Va., according to certain understanding and regulations, whose parochial report is submitted to Synod. Candidate J. A. Rudisill has taken charge of Bethphage, Trinity, Lincoln co., Sardis, Catawba co., and a newly organized congregation at Glen Alpine, Burk co., N. C. Candidate D. J. Settlemyre has taken charge of St. Mark, Mt. Moriah, and Phanuel

churches, Rowan co., N. C. Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder resigned his pastoral relation to Concordia congregation, Conover, N. C. Zion's, St. Jacob's, St. Matthew's, and St. Stephen's churches, Shenandoah county, Va., are partially supplied by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., and Rev. J. P. Stirewalt. Rev. J. S. Koiner has taken charge of St. Jacob, St. Thomas, and Bethlehem churches, Lexington co., South Carolina.

BENEFICIARIES:—Mr. P. C. Wike and Mr. D. A. Sox pursued their studies in Concordia College, Conover, North Carolina.

RECOMMENDATIONS:—1. If deemed beneficial in promoting the interests of the church, That Synod take such action, as she may, in her wisdom, see fit, with a view to inaugurate a Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, properly based on the Confessions of the Church, and invested with only advisory powers, to be occupied with the more general work and operations of the Church.

2. If consistent with the charter and the desire of the proper authorities and those pecuniarily interested, That some action be taken to effect proper relations between Concordia College, located at Conover, Catawba co., N. C.,—a church institution,—and this Synod,—such relations as are customary and practicable.

3. That the agreement between the E. L. North Carolina Synod and the E. L. Tennessee Synod, inaugurated, by the committees, at Hickory, Catawba co., N. C., March, 1883, appointed by said Synods, in regard to church operations, so as to prevent conflict in mission work and other church work, be considered and acted on, by Synod, and that the Secretary furnish said paper to be appended to our minutes, as well as the action of Synod relative to it.

In conclusion, we pray the Great Head of the Church, to preside over us, guiding us in the way of all truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions, as well as our individual ministrations, may contribute to the honor and glory of God, and the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom. SOCRATES HENKEL.

On motion, the report was received and reserved for the proper committee.

An election was held for officers. Revs. J. K. Efird and C. H. Bernheim acted as tellers, and the result was

REV. J. R. PETERSON, - - - - President.
" A. L. CROUSE, - - - - - Rec. Secretary.
" C. H. BERNHEIM, - - - - Cor. Secretary.
" J. N. STIREWALT, - - - - Treasurer.

On motion, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, of the Indiana Synod, Rev. A. L. Yount, of the Pittsburg Synod, Candidates J. A. Rudisill, D. J. Settlemyre, D. A. Sox, Prof. J. F. Moser, and P.

C. Wike, of our own Synod, were received as advisory members.

Papers for Synod were called for and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

The following committees were appointed:

On Missions.—Revs. J. M. Smith, J. C. Moser, and W. P. Cline.

On State of the Church.—Revs. T. Moser, J. S. Koiner, and A. L. Crouse.

On Examination.—Revs. J. C. Moser, A. J. Fox, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and J. A. Cromer.

On President's Report.—Rev. J. M. Smith and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

On Unfinished Business.—Revs. A. J. Fox, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. W. W. Lorick.

On Letters and Petitions.—Revs. C. H. Bernheim, D. A. Goodman, and Mr. J. L. Yount.

On Ordination.—Revs. S. Henkel, J. S. Koiner, and A. J. Fox.

On Treasurer's Report—of Beneficiary Fund—Revs. C. H. Bernheim and D. A. Sox.

On motion, Lutheran Chapel congregation was received into connection with Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Benediction by the President.

Monday, Oct. 15, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Fox. Rev. H. M. Brown, of the Evan. Luth. N. C. Synod, and Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, of the Evan. Luth. S. C. Synod, were invited to seats as advisory members. Minutes of Saturday were read, received, and adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received and acted upon by items:

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

Your committee on unfinished business beg leave to submit the following:

1.—On page 9, the minutes of last year, we find that committee, of

which Rev. A. J. Fox is chairman, to inquire into the expediency of erecting tombstones to mark the places of burial of Revs. Philip Henkel and Ambrose Henkel, was continued from the previous year. Is that committee prepared to report?

II.—On page 10, we find that a committee, whose chairman is Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., to consider the proposed amendments to the constitution of Synod, and report to this convention, was appointed. Is that committee ready to report?

III.—On page 11, we find that Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little were appointed to prepare an ordination certificate. Has that duty been performed?

IV.—On same page, we find a committee on Beneficiary Education, of which Rev. A. J. Fox is chairman,—is that committee prepared to report?

V.—On page 12, we find that a committee, whose chairman is Rev. J. C. Moser, was appointed in regard to forming some connection between Concordia College and this Synod. Is that committee ready to report?

VI.—On page 13, we find that Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and J. M. Smith were appointed, to examine and ordain candidate D. J. Settlemyre to the office of the ministry. Has that duty been performed?

VII.—On page 18, we see a committee, composed of Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and A. Costner, Esq., was appointed to meet a similar committee from the E. L. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina to make an effort to devise some plan by which a satisfactory arrangement can be made, in regard to overlapping territory between the two Synods. Has that duty been complied with?

VIII.—On the same page, we see that it was made the duty of each pastor of this Synod to collect the number of baptized persons—infants, adults, as well as communicants, and to report them to this convention of Synod. Has that rule been complied with?

IX.—On page 26, we find that the consideration of a paper, proposing a connection of this Synod with the Southern Gen. Synod of the E. L. Lutheran church, was postponed to the present convention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,)
J. P. STIREWALT, - COMMITTEE.
W. W. LORICK,)

Item 1. No action had been taken, and the Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox and Rev. A. L. Crouse, was continued.

Item 2. Consideration postponed until Tuesday morning, nine o'clock.

Item 3. Not complied with. The committee was discharged, and Revs. J. C. Moser and J. M. Smith were appointed to attend to the matter.

Item 4. The committee had not complied and was discontinued.

Item 5. Passed over for the present.

Item 6. Not complied with by mutual arrangement.

Item. 7. The Committee made a report which was received and unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee to Meet Committee of North Carolina Synod.

Report of the committee, appointed by this Synod, to meet and confer with a similar committee, appointed by the E. L. Synod of North Carolina, in regard to *overlapping and disputed territory.*

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:—After some epistolary correspondence between the chairmen of the respective committees, in regard to the duty assigned them—the members of the committees from their respective Synods met, in the town of Hickory, Catawba co., N. C., in the E. L. Church in that place, on the 27th day of March, 1883. An organization was effected, by electing Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D., President, and Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Secretary. The meeting was a very cordial one—the discussions fraternal and respectful, and the decisions prompt and unanimous.

The following paper was presented, carefully considered, and adopted by items, and then with great readiness and unanimity, it was adopted as a whole:

"We the undersigned committees, appointed by the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods, at their sessions, in 1882, respectfully submit the following as the conclusions and results of our deliberations, at Hickory, N. C., on the 27th of March, 1883, relative to the important matter placed in our hands. The object of our meeting being to mature and to submit, for the consideration of and the adoption by said Synods in convention assembled, some expedient, judicious, equitable plan, or policy, to prevent—between these Synods in their efforts to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom in the occupancy of places, the establishment of missions, the erection of church edifices, the organization of congregations, etc.,—conflicts calculated to disparage the efforts at and the prosperity of such places, establishments, erections, organizations, etc., as are already occupied and inaugurated by the one or the other of these Synods, and in process of existence,—we submit the subjoined plan or policy as practicable and effective:

1. That inasmuch as the aforesaid Synods confess, and teach in accordance with the confessional basis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church,

as set forth in her Symbols, and so long as these Synods shall thus confess and teach, neither Synod, in its efforts to promote the Gospel and cause of Christ, shall occupy places, erect churches, establish missions, organize congregations, etc., where such things have already been done or instituted by the other, in villages or towns whose inhabitants do not exceed 2,000; and, so too, in regard to churches and church-work in the country or communities, as due respect should be paid to locations at a reasonable distance, in order to prevent conflict of interest by the inauguration of such efforts too nearly contiguous.

2. That in towns or cities the number of whose inhabitants shall exceed 2,000, or shall be large enough to support two or more Lutheran Churches, it may be advantageous and proper for both Synods to operate without any view of conflict or infringement.

3. That when or where the one Synod has a member or members residing in a community, village, or town, already occupied by the other Synod, it shall be the duty of that Synod, having such member or members, to advise the same, to unite with those of the Lutheran faith already engaged in the Redeemer's work in such town or village.

4. That in all proper efforts to promote the interests of the Church, friendly Christian relations between the two Synods shall be maintained and cherished, each respecting the rights of the other, as it becomes Christians to do in the dissemination of the Gospel, and in the promotion of the Church.

This paper was subscribed by each member of the respective Committees, as follows:

L. A. BIKLE,) COM. OF
S. ROTHROCK, N. C.
D. R. HOOVER.) SYNOD.

A. J. FOX,) COM. OF
P. C. HENKEL, TENN.
AMB. COSTNER.) SYNOD.

Inasmuch as the Evang. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina has, in her late annual convention, adopted these articles of agreement, your Committee most respectfully recommends their unanimous adoption by this Synod. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. COSTNER.

Item 8. Answers to be heard through the Parochial reports.

Item 9. Deferred for future action.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report of Delegate to Holston Synod.

Report of visit to the E. L. Holston Synod, as alternate of the Delegate appointed in 1882:

Inasmuch as 6 congregations, in the State of Tennessee, lately vacated by the removal of Rev. Professors Wagner and Barb, had extended a call to me, to become their pastor, I decided to visit them, and extend my visit, some 70 miles, and attend the annual convention of the E. L. Holston Synod, in Buehler's Church, Sulivan co., Tenn., Dr. A. J. Brown, pastor.

Not being well, I did not attend on the first day of the meeting; but on the morning of the second day, though considerably indisposed, I put in my appearance, and was most kindly and cordially received by all the members of Synod.

Inasmuch as I had not been informed by Rev. S. Henkel, who was delegate *primarius*, that he could not attend the Synod, I naturally expected to meet him there. In this I was disappointed. As he was absent, I was introduced and received as corresponding delegate from this Synod. But on taking my seat, I was considerably embarrassed to find an official letter, containing the fraternal greetings of this Synod, etc. The Synod, however, somehow managed to retain me as the corresponding delegate, and also receive and recognize the official letter of the principal.

I am exceedingly sorry, that I was so much indisposed as to prevent my attending much upon their deliberations, but from what I saw and could learn, I feel confident that a spirit of zeal and activity, in the Master's cause, prevails, that is both commendable and that others will do well to emulate.

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., was appointed delegate to this Synod, and Rev. J. C. Miller, alternate.

I would respectfully recommend the appointment of a delegate by this Synod, to meet that Synod in her next annual convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was received and considered by items.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions would respectfully submit the following report:

No. 1—Letters from Revs. R. A. Yoder, J. W. Hausenfluck, and J. A. Cromer, asking that they be excused from attending the present session of Synod, giving distance, want of means, and family conditions, as the reason of their excuse. We recommend that they be excused.

No. 2—Petitions from various churches, asking for the examina-

tion and ordination of candidates J. A. Rudisill, Junius B. Fox, D. A. Sox, D. J. Settlemyre, and J. W. S. Sheppard. We respectfully refer this matter to the Committee on examination and ordination.

No. 3 is a petition from the Elders of St. Martin's, Cabarrus Co., St. Martin's, Stanley Co., and Luther Union Churches, stating that their pastor, Rev. T. Moser, in consequence of declining health, is no longer able to serve them regularly, and asking Synod to aid in procuring the services of another regular pastor. We refer this to the consideration of Synod, and we furthermore recommend that if no pastor can be obtained that they be supplied with visits from the pastors of the N. C. Conference.

No. 4 is a petition from St. Mary's, (Pine Church,) Shenandoah Co., Va., asking for the next convention of Synod to be held in their church, stating also that this is the third time they have petitioned for the meeting of Synod. We recommend their petition to the favorable consideration of Synod.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. F. W. Peschau, Cor. Secretary of N. C. Synod, endorsed by the President of his Synod. We recommend that his letter be read.

No. 6 is a preamble and resolution of Bethlehem Church, Va., deprecating the expenditure of time, labor and money, in holding the sessions of Synod by reason of the widely extended boundaries of Synod, and asking for a more practicable, suitable and amicable arrangement of Synodical boundaries.

We recommend this to the favorable consideration of Synod in the following practicable manner:

1. That the three State Conferences, composing this Synod, be resolved into three Synods, confined by State lines.

2. That the Tenn. Synod, in order to perpetuate her history, &c., be denominated the Joint Tenn. Synod, and said Synod meet in triennial convention on middle ground, composed of the above named three district Synods, and such other Synods as may desire to unite with us, for the purpose of transacting and having the superintendence of the general church work.

No. 7 is a letter, signed by G. L. Hunt, M. L. Carpenter, D. C. Huffman, C. H. L. Schuette, making a formal request to meet in a free Conference the members of this Synod, or as many as are willing to meet with them, *in or near* Conover, on or about the 16th prox., leaving it to us to fix the exact time and place of meeting. The letter concludes with these words, "Hoping that you will for the love and peace of our dear church give a favorable consideration to our proposal, and answer us at your earliest convenience, we are yours in the love of Christ." We recommend that a committee of two be appointed to meet the undersigned individuals of said letter, and ascertain the direct aim and purpose of such proposed Conference, and that said committee report early to this Synod.

No. 8 is a preamble and resolution, praying this body to advise Zion and Hickory congregations to call a pastor, acceptable to the Lutherans there, irrespective of Synodical connection. This communication is signed by the committee, H. C. McAlister, Secretary, and Rev. W. A. Lutz. We refer this matter to the consideration of Synod.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., delegate from the Holston Synod to this body, expressing his regret at not being able to meet with us in our convention, and conveying to us the fraternal greetings of said Synod. We hereby express our regret and disappointment of Dr. Brown not being able to meet with us.

No. 10—Petitions from Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Newton, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Antioch, asking to be received in connection with this Synod. The former congregation have appointed A. A. Brown as delegate to this body. We recommend that the congregations be received.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. GOODMAN,
J. L. YOUNT.

ADDENDA.—No. 11 is a petition of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cherryville, N. C., asking to be received in connection with this Synod, and F. C. Sipe elected delegate.

We recommend their petition be granted.

Respectfully,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. GOODMAN.

Synod adjourned for divine service and refreshments.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order, roll called, and the report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was taken up for consideration.

Items 9 and 10 were adopted, and the congregations enrolled.

Item 7 was amended and adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 1. The recommendations of the Committee were sustained.

Revs. D. Efird and L. A. Fox, D. D., were excused for non-attendance.

Item 3. The recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

Pending the consideration of the report, Synod adjourned to meet Tuesday, 16th, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer with the President.

TUESDAY, 16, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. Divine services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Bernheim. The roll was called, minutes read, corrected, and adopted.

The special order for the hour was suspended, and the Committee on the President's Report made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The committee, to whom was referred the President's report, beg leave respectfully to submit the following in relation thereto:

The first recommendation calls to the attention of this body the propriety of considering some general plan or basis upon which the Southern Lutheran church might meet for more general church-work.

In relation to this matter, your committee have only to call the attention of this body to the fact, that there is now before it a proposition which lies over from last meeting, and which will come up under the head of unfinished business, to unite this body with the Southern General Synod. The discussion of this question will doubtless bring this whole subject to the attention of this Synod, and your committee have felt it unnecessary to report further upon this point.

The second recommendation in relation to Concordia College is now in the hands of a committee, charged with the whole subject, and we deem that it would be improper in us to make any suggestion in relation thereto.

The third recommendation in relation to the agreement between this and the North Carolina Synod in relation to mission and other church-work has been finally met by a report of a committee of this Synod, especially charged with the same, and which has been adopted by this body —and your committee ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of said report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Constitution made a report on the Articles of the Constitution, but not on the By-Laws, which report was taken up for consideration, and after some discussion was postponed until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

On motion, Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser was elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund *vice* Rev. T. Moser resigned on account of impaired health, and Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed his agent in Virginia. Parochial Reports were called for, read, and handed to the Secretary. Rev. J. I. Miller, who is serving St. Mark's congregation, Luray, Va., in connection with our Synod, according to a certain understanding and regulations, made a parochial report.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary add a column to the parochial report, in which he shall place the number of souls, as far as reported, and that all our ministers be requested to report annually the whole number of souls belonging to their charges, that is, all entitled to commune, as well as all who are baptized—and not confirmed, in their respective charges.

Synod adjourned to meet at one o'clock. Benediction by the President.

TUESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, the roll was called, and the following report was made, received, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report of Beneficiary Fund.

Your committee on the Treasurer's report of the Beneficiary Fund would respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find it correct, leaving a balance in the treasury of $30.94.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM.
D. A. SOX.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

There was placed in my hands a copy of the minutes of the Holston Synod, which convened in Buehler's Church, Sullivan Co., Tenn., Aug. 16th to 19th, 1883. The officers are Rev. J. K. Hancher, Pres.; Rev. J. G. Schaidt, Secy.; Mr. Geo. O. Houser, Treas.; and Rev. G. H. Cox, Missionary President.

The brethren are actively engaged in building up the Master's kingdom in their midst.

C. H. BERNHEIM, CORR. SECY.

The consideration of the report on Letters and Petitions was resumed.

Item 4 was adopted and St. Mary's (Pine Church) Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., was chosen as the place of the next meeting of Synod, and Saturday, 10 o'clock, A. M., before the last Sunday in September, 1884, as the time.

Item 5. The recommendation of the Committee was sustained, and the letter read.

Item 6. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., and Maj. H. A. Meetze, with instructions to report to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock. All propositions bearing upon the subject of union were referred to this committee, among them an official letter from the Virginia Synod, addressed to the Secretary of this Synod, was read in open Synod.

Item 8. The following was adopted:

Resolved, Inasmuch as both Hickory and Zion congregations are supplied with pastors, we deem it inexpedient to advise the above congregations in the matter recommended by the Ex. Com.,—H. C. McAlister, Secretary.

Item 9. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund be requested to furnish for publication in OUR minutes the amounts paid for beneficiary education, designating specifically the sums contributed by each congregation, according to pastorates, as well as the names of special donors.

The following report of the Committee on the Reception of Concordia College was received, considered, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Reception of Concordia College.

We, the committee, appointed by Synod, to confer with the Trustees of Concordia College, and prepare an agreement which may serve as a basis upon which said school may become the recognized institution of Synod, present the following report:

A meeting of the Board of Trustees having been called, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, There seems to be a general desire to establish proper relations between Concordia College and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and,

WHEREAS, It is generally believed that such relations would inure to the interest of this school, as well as to the good of the Synod or Church, at a meeting held in said institution, on Oct. 15th, by the Board of Trustees, the Faculty, and others immediately interested, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That, with a view of establishing proper relations between Concordia College, situated at Conover, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, we, in meeting assembled, agree, 1. that, whenever a vacancy, or vacancies, occur, either by death, resignation, or removal, in the Board of Trustees or in the Faculty, the said Synod shall have the right as well as the privilege to recommend a suitable person, or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies; 2. that the Synod shall have the right to appoint a Board of Visitors, whose duty it shall be annually to visit said school, and make such report of the condition of the school to each session of the Synod, as may be deemed most advantageous; 3. that it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to make a report annually to Synod, relative to moral and literary condition of the school, which report shall also be signed by the secretary of the faculty; 4. that the President of the Board of Trustees shall also make an annual report to Synod, in regard to the financial condition of the school, which report shall likewise be signed by the secretary of the Board of the Trustees; 5. that this school shall be continued and conducted as a church institution, under such rules and regulations, as may be instituted by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the charter, and the Confessions of the Church as set forth in the Christian Book of Concord, each teacher, instructor, or professor, taking an obligation not to teach anything in said school that is contrary to said Confessions.

These stipulations or propositions shall be valid and in force, provided the said Synod shall acquiesce, and is disposed to lend said institution its fostering care and encouragement, as well as its influence and moral force; provided, that if the Synod shall fail, after notice, to recommend, in due time, a suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the proper authorities of said institution, shall proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

J. M. SMITH, SECRETARY. D. D. SEITZ, PRESIDENT.

We, your committee, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, accept the propositions made to us by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and that in consideration of the rights and privileges therein granted, we will lend to said institution our fostering care, influence, and moral support.

J. C. MOSER,
J. R. PETERSON,
C. H. BERNHEIM.

Synod adjourned to meet at seven o'clock, P. M. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called. Revs. E. L. Lybrand, D. A. Goodman, and M. L. Fox were excused from further attendance.

Rev. I. Conder was excused for non-attendance.

The following vote of thanks was passed:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention of Synod, hereby tender our most sincere thanks to the members of this congregation and other citizens of this vicinity for the very kind, cordial manner in which they have received and entertained us, during our stay among them; and that the minister of this congregation read this resolution to the congregation at the first service held in this church.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each beneficiary and applicant one copy; each general body of Lutherans in this country one copy; the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence one copy each; our institutions of learning one copy each; our Lutheran publications one copy each.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to hunt up a blank book once used by Synod for preserving the clerical and congregational rolls, and if that cannot be found he buy and forward to the Secretary a suitable book for that purpose, and that he use funds of Synod in his hands.

The following corresponding delegates were appointed:

To S. C. Synod:—Rev. J. S. Koiner, Principal; Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Alternate.

To Virginia Synod:—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Principal; Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Alternate.

To N. C. Synod:—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Principal; Rev. W. P. Cline, Alternate.

To Holston Synod:—Rev. J. M. Smith, Principal; Rev. J. K. Efird, Alternate.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to furnish an abstract of the minutes for publication in OUR CHURCH PAPER, and request the LUTHERAN VISITOR to copy.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock. Prayer with Rev. C. H. Bernheim.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and divine service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Crouse. The roll was called, minutes read, received, and adopted.

The Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws made a report which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod.

Your Committee, appointed to consider amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod, submit the following:*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. This Synod shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod to represent them in the Synodical Meetings.

That Art. 3, Sec. 1, be so amended as to read: This Synod is an association of congregations. Its conventions shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers in their connection, and their lay-delegates.

SEC. 5. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office. Cases of this kind, if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

That Sec. 5 of Art. 3, be made Sec. 2 of Art. 6 of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practice, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to expel and depose from the Synod and holy office of the ministry, such as refuse after admonition to repent of their wrong.

That Sec. 1 of Art. 4, be so amended as to read: The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, to recommend orthodox liturgies, hymn books, catechisms, parochial and

* MEMORANDUM.—The matter which appears in the smaller type, presents the reading of the present constitution in regard to the Articles and Sections indicated, and to be amended, and that in the larger, the reading of the constitution as amended, relative to said Articles and Sections.—PUBLISHERS.

Sunday-school books, to engage in missionary work—domestic and foreign, to aid indigent young men in preparing for the work of the ministry, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practices and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to suspend or expel from Synod such as are deemed unworthy to bear the office, and advise their pastorates to sever their official relations with them.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of Synod as soon as the wants of the church shall demand, and its resources will justify, to engage in the work of Missions both domestic and foreign: and also in the work of Beneficiary Education for the purpose of preparing indigent young men of talents and piety for the work of the ministry in connection with the Lutheran Church according to such regulations as it may adopt, and consider best calculated to promote these great objects.

That Sec. 2 of Art. 4, be stricken out.

Sec. 3. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting, appointing one or more Pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry at some suitable time and place by the laying on of hands and prayer.

That Sec. 3 (2) of Art. 4, be so amended as to read: Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval appoint one or more pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry, by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Sec. 5. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations who may desire to be connected with it, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

That Sec. 5 (4) of Art. 4, be so amended as to read: Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations in its connection, provided they subscribe this constitution.

BY-LAWS.

That sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Art. 4, be stricken out, and the following substituted:

Sec. 2. Should any member of the church know a minister to be guilty of a private offense, he shall reprove him according to Matt. 18, 15; and, if in the process, as required in this text, he be restored fully to the favor of his charge, or congregation, as to his membership and fitness to perform the functions of the ministry, the matter should rest here; but if his offense shall have been of such a serious character, in violating the principles of piety, rules of morality, or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our church, and the decisions of the congregation or charge shall not have been satisfactory to the Synod, Synod shall investigate the matter, and, if in her judgment, his offense has been such as to disqualify him to discharge the functions of the ministry, she shall sever his Synodical relation, and recommend the congregation or congregations to sever

his pastoral or ministerial relations; and any congregation refusing to do so, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 3. In the event of an offense committed by a minister of this Synod, requiring the aid of Synod to adjust it satisfactorily, the member or members, acquainted with the facts in the case, shall immediately inform the president of Synod, who shall call, without delay, a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused. The president shall notify the parties of the call session, and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected, the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid, and impartial investigation, and dispose of it according to the evidence in the case.

Sec. 4. If a minister against whom serious charges are preferred, be duly notified and he refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, his connection with Synod shall be severed, and his charge advised to sever his pastoral and ministerial relations.

That Sec. 2 of Art. 5, be stricken out.

That Sec. 3 of Art. 5, be stricken out, and the following be substituted in its place:

Sec. 3. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the services of a candidate for the ministry, he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of pastor, according to Article IV, Sec. 3 of Constitution.

That Sec. 4 of Art. 5, be stricken out.

That relative to the reception of ministers or candidates for the ministry, and pulpit and altar fellowship, we recommend that the following, known as the Summit Rule, be adhered to, which reads as follows:

This Synod is invested only with advisory power; and whereas the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the Church, or that sets up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man: as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

3. With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of some be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation, designated in the Augsburg Confession, article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said, "Let a man examine himself," etc.; and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

4. In regard to Chiliasm, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th article of the Augsburg Confession.

SOCRATES HENKEL,
T. MOSER,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. A. L. Yount be requested to furnish Our Church Paper with a copy of his sermon, delivered before Synod on Monday night, the 15th inst.

In answer to an inquiry about the meaning of the "Summit Rule," the following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod holds that the Summit Rule does not favor Pulpit and Altar service with the denominations.

The following report was received for consideration:

Report of Committee on Districting, Joint Union, &c.

We, your committee, appointed to report on all propositions bearing on the subject of districting the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and forming a joint union out of said districts and other synods, that may favor such joint union, and that of a Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, submit the following:

Whereas the committee on letters and petitions recommend, that the three State Conferences, composing the E. L. Tenn. Synod, be resolved into three Synods, confined by State lines; second, that the E. L. Tenn. Synod, in order to perpetuate her history, &c., be denominated the Joint Tenn. Synod, and meet in triennial conventions on middle ground, composed of the above named three district Synods, and such other Synods as may desire to unite with us, for the purpose of transacting and having the superintendence of the general church work of said Joint Synod; we your committee respectfully recommend, that this matter be referred to these Conferences for consideration, indicating their wishes.

WHEREAS, At its last session, a paper was laid before our Synod, asking it to take into consideration the propriety of effecting some connection with the Southern E. L. Genl. Synod; and

WHEREAS the following action was taken by our Synod, relative to that request,

Resolved, That this paper be deferred to our next annual session of Synod for consideration; and

WHEREAS there is a desire, as well as an element at work, to establish a more general union among the E. L. Synods South, in the form of a Genl. Lutheran Southern Synodical Conference, based on the Confessions of the Church, as extant in the Christian Book of Concord; be it therefore

1. *Resolved*, That in view of this aspect of things, we deem it in opportune to take any action at this time, in regard to that paper or request;

2. *Resolved*, That it is the sentiment of this Synod, if there be sufficient internal union to justify external, organic union, that union in the form of a Genl. Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, properly based on the Confessions of the Church, with only advisory power, and invested with the more general operations of the Church, is the safest, and most feasible, and churchly policy that can be inaugurated, under the present circumstances;

3. *Resolved*, That with a view of accomplishing this desirable object, this Synod appoint a committee, consisting of three from Virginia, four from North Carolina, and two from South Carolina, whose duty it shall be, provided the move meet with sufficient encouragement in their judgment, to co-operate with other similar committees, or individuals, who may favor such move, in appointing a suitable time and place for the assembling of such a diet, and to represent this Synod in such diet, to inaugurate such Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, submitting the result of their efforts and actions to the different Synods for their approval or disapproval: and, if deemed proper, appoint another time and place for the consummation of such Conference.

We would further submit, that we rejoice, to be able to state that this sentiment is indicated in resolutions, passed by the late sessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, as set forth in its minutes, transmitted to our Synod, as well as in resolutions, passed at the recent sessions of the E. L. Virginia Synod, communicated to us in session assembled, in which a time and place are designated for the holding of a diet or other Conference for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
SOCRATES HENKEL,
HENRY A. MEETZE.

Synod adjourned for refreshments. Benediction by Rev. W. P. Cline.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report on Treasurer's Report of the E. L. Tennessee Synod.

We, your committee, have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct. There is in the treasury a balance of seventy dollars and thirty-eight cents ($70.38.) In the hands of the former Treasurer, $46.20; and in the hands of Henkel & Co., $24.18. We recommend that these amounts be paid over into the hands of the newly elected Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. SOX.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, There are in this country about 6,370,000 Germans, 700,000 Swedes, 500,000 Norwegians, and 200,000 Danes;

WHEREAS, Lutheran Emigration has taken unprecedented proportions: Germans, yearly, 232,000; Swedes, 59,000; Norwegians, 27,000; and Danes, 18,000;

WHEREAS, About $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Germans and nearly all the Scandinavians are Lutheran; and

WHEREAS, Immigration statistics show that these people scatter over the whole country, in every county and town; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recognize in all this the providence of God in opening to our church a most effectual door for advancing Christ's cause; that we earnestly request *all* our pastors and *congregations* to make special efforts to keep a list of such people, to circulate among them Lutheran tracts and papers in their own languages, to welcome the parents into our churches and their children to our Sunday schools, and by exchanging pulpits or otherwise to secure a sermon for them occasionally in their native tongue.

Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, of the Indiana Synod, addressed Synod in a feeling manner, and, at the request of the President, was appropriately responded to by Rev. C. H. Bernheim. Rev. A. L. Yount, of the Pittsburg Synod, made an interesting and timely address, and was responded to by Rev. M. L. Little.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod urgently request, that every minister in its

connection arrange to hold a Luther festival in every congregation in his charge—services commemorative of the 400th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther—during the year.

The following report was read, received, and adopted:

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

We, your committee on the State of the Church, submit the following brief statement of the facts, as far as we have been able to ascertain them:

Upon a survey of the whole field, we think we are able to report considerable progress in the work of the Church; and although there are many things which must be deplored, yet encouraged by the progress of the past year, we are inclined to look on the bright side, and to hope for better things in the near future.

In North Carolina, we are able to report improvement and progress. The outlook is more encouraging, we think, than it has been for some time. An unusually large number of congregations have been organized, during the past year. A number of good church edifices have been erected. A growing interest in education has been manifested everywhere. A greater degree of harmony and unanimity seems to be prevailing, and the evils heretofore complained of are abating.

In most quarters, however, there is great negligence in the matter of pastoral support, and in some places it appears that absolutely nothing is done in the general benevolence of the Church. There is also a great want of preachers among us in this State; but the want is bringing its supply, and we trust the time is soon coming when the supply will fully meet the demand.

In South Carolina, there appears to be improvement in the general condition of our churches. Our people manifest more life in the work of the Master. The interest in all the operations of the Church is increasing. The Sunday-school work and catechisation are receiving due attention in all the congregations. Our pastors now, as in the past, are poorly paid for their services. A decided improvement in this respect would result in much good to the Church. In general benevolence, too, there is much room for improvement among all our congregations. Proper church discipline is not always exercised among our people, and some of the good old Lutheran customs are sadly neglected.

In Virginia, there is a great want of ministers; but all the churches have some service, and are doing as well as possible. Unity and harmony prevail among the ministers. The money raised for benevolent purposes does not meet the demands of the Church; and, perhaps, this trouble is met with everywhere, and that our people do as well, or better, than others.

We are glad to hear that our cause in Alabama is still quite hopeful, and now becoming more encouraging.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. C. MOSER,
J. K. EFIRD.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, The New Market, Va., edition of the Christian Book of Concord is exhausted, be it

Resolved, That Henkel & Co. be requested to furnish circulars to the ministers of this Synod, as well as to other Synods, indicating whether they would furnish a new, revised edition of said work, as a memorial of the four-hundredth anniversary of Luther's birth, and the probable cost, and whether subscribers would be necessary to secure such publication, and that this matter receive prompt attention, and that the ministers respond as soon as possible to such circular.

The following report was received, and acted upon by items:

Report of Committee on Examination, &c.

We, your committee on examination of applicants for beneficiary aid, and candidates for the ministry, submit the following report:

We have had a conference with Messrs. W. A. Boyte, J. P. Price, W. L. Darr, D. M. Moser, and N. G. Deal, and being satisfied as to their qualifications and progress, we recommend that they be placed under care of Synod, and directed according to our beneficiary regulations.

We recommend that Synod appropriate $75.00 to Mr. W. A. Boyte.

We recommend that Synod appropriate $75.00 to Mr. J. P. Price.

We recommend the appropriation of $75.00 to Mr. W. L. Darr.

We also recommend the appropriation of $100.00 to Mr. P. C. Wike.

We recommend the appropriation of $60.00 to Mr. N. G. Deal.

To Mr. D. M. Moser, $25.00.

We recommend that these young brethren be directed to pursue their studies in Concordia College, Conover, N. C.

We further recommend that Prof. J. F. Moser be received under the care of this Synod, as a candidate for the ministry.

J. C. MOSER,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD,
J. N. STIREWALT.

After due consideration, the report was adopted, and the appropriations made.

Brother T. E. Armentrout was directed to pursue his studies under direction of Dr. S. Henkel.

The report of the committee on papers concerning a diet, etc., was taken up and considered by items. After considerable discussion, the entire report was adopted without any change.

The following were appointed delegates according to the provisions of the report:

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. A. L. Crouse, Maj. A. Koiner, from Virginia. Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. M. L. Little, A. Costner, Esq., from North Carolina. Rev. J. S. Koiner and H. A. Meetze, Esq., from South Carolina.

The following report was made, received, and considered by items:

Report of Committee on Ordination.

Your committee on ordination respectfully submit the following report:

1. We have performed the duty assigned to us of examining the brethren, D. J. Settlemyre, J. A. Rudisill, and D. A. Sox, as applicants for ordination. We find their qualifications, in every respect, quite sufficient to warrant our recommendation that they be ordained.

2. Inasmuch as Prof. Junius B. Fox could not be present at this examination, your committee recommend that the request of the petitioners for his examination and ordination be granted, and a committee be appointed to attend to that duty.

3. Whilst a petition was placed in our hands, asking for the examination and ordination of Prof. Sheppard, he did not appear before your committee.

S. HENKEL,)
A. J. FOX, } COMMITTEE.
J. S. KOINER,)

Item 1 was adopted, and the ordination ordered to take place.

Item 2 was adopted, and the N. C. Conference was appointed the committee.

Item 3 was adopted, and it was noted that the S. C. Synod requested the right to ordain Mr. Sheppard, as he had been educated by that Synod, and for that reason he did not appear before the committee.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned to meet after preaching to-night. Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

At 7 o'clock, an ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, after which the candidates were ordained by the committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called.

The following report was made, received, and adopted:

We, the committee appointed to convey the action of this Synod in regard to a certain paper, addressed to this Synod, signed by E. L. Hunt and others, requesting a free conference, submit, that we conveyed the said action of this Synod relative to this paper, and had a short interview with them, and that they furnished us no definite response, but intimated that, as their meeting had adjourned, it was too late at this time, for such conference.

S. HENKEL, } COMMITTEE.
M. L. LITTLE, }

The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statement of the Rev. A. L. Yount of the efforts of the Pennsylvania Synod, to put up a new Seminary building, at Philadelphia. This effort has our warmest sympathy, and we only regret that we are unable to assist pecuniarily in this commendable work, but the wants of our church and her institutions prevent it at this time. We commend it to the kind consideration of our people, and ask for it donations from individuals.

The following was adopted:

Moved that this Synod instruct its President to grant to Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox an honorable dismissal from this body to the Holston Synod, in case he request it prior to our next regular convention.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place elected, and was closed in due form.

A. L. CROUSE, SECRETARY.

Treasurer's Report.

DALLAS, GASTON CO., N. C.,
October 13, 1883.

M. L. LITTLE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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"	"	"	"	"	J. M. Smith	3 50
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1882.		DR.
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Dec. 9,	" " Rev. D. A. Goodman	3 10
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		$93 77

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Jan. 20,	By cash paid P. C. Wike	$40 00
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1882.

Oct. 16, To amount from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge..... 23 20

" " " " Emmanuel's, S. C. 3 60

" " " " Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge 15 00

" " " " Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge } 24 00
Alabama, $3 00; Bethlehem church, $21 00.....}

Oct. 16, To amount from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge. 8 75

" " " " Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge 1 40

" " " " Bethlehem church, S. C., per C. Bookman 15 00

" " " " Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge..... 3 40

" " " " St. Jacob's, S. C., per Dr. Eargle..... 15 00

1883.

Feb. 10, To amount from Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel..... 1 00

Apr. 11, " " Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge } ... 3 00
Morning Star, $1 40; Mt. Calvary, $1 60 per J. S. Printz}

May, To am't from Miss Mary E. Sommers, Mt. Nebo church, Va. 1 00

Oct. 2, " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge } 13 61
Emmanuel's, $8.50; Mt. Zion, $5.11.....}

Oct. 2, To am't from St. Luke's, per Rev. J. I. Miller..... 5 00

$167 43

1882. CR.

Oct. 17, By amount paid Beneficiary D. A. Sox. $75 00

" " " " " P. C. Wike. 40 00

1883.

Mar. 9, By amount paid Beneficiary, D. A. Sox,
per Treasurer's order, Rev. T. Moser.. 22 00

By postage 13

$137 13

Balance in my hands.....$30 30

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Ministers.	Entered Ministry	Congregations.	Communicants.	Souls.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Renewals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Current Expenses	Other Objects.
Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D.	1837	5	575	...	3	51	28	10	20	...	3	28	200	2	$6.30	...	...	...
" P. C. Henkel, D. D.	1843	4	730	1425	1	80	22	..	12	...	2	5	...	...	3.80	$27.10	$400.00	...
" J. R. Peterson	1843	4	200	436	...	21	14	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	2.40	15.20	300.00	...
" T. Moser	1844	3	150	...	...	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.00	3.50	...	...
" S. Henkel, D. D.	1850	2	245	465	7	28	8	...	15	...	1	7	50	...	2.70	13.61	350.00	$ 235.00
" J. M. Smith	1856	3	528	...	1	21	25	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	3.10	6.00	160.00	...
" I. Conder	1861	4	...	...	...	6	4	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	1.20	...	300.00	...
" J. N. Stirewalt	1871	5	405	690	...	20	3	...	6	...	4	30	251	4	4.30	10.00	...	...
" M. L. Fox, M. D.	1871	3	120	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.50	...	...	...
" A. L. Crouse	1871	1	104	161	..	5	1	3	1	...	1	14	98	1	1.10	12.20	3.23	15.00
" J. P. Stirewalt	1873	5	3.0	650	4	41	61	...	14	...	2	16	200	...	6.90	10.00	...	500.00
" M. L. Little *	1873	9	1140	...	3	69	24	...	21	...	2	12	125	...	10.00	...	600.00	2800.00
" J. C. Moser	1873	5	450	...	...	27	6	...	2	...	2	10	150	...	5.10	30.50	450.00	...
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" D. A. Goodman	1882	3	109	...	3	12	1	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	1.50	7.05	400.00	200.00
" J. I. Miller	18.9	1	40	...	1	3	1	10	1	...	1	7	55	...	1.00	5.00	...	...
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SATURDAY.

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SUNDAY.

In College Chapel, 10½, A. M.—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Mark 16, 16.

In Grove, 10½, A. M.—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Matt. 22, 11–13.

In College Chapel, 1, P. M.—Service of the Holy Communion, conducted by the President, and the Sacrament administered to 207 communicants.

Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, of Indiana, 7, P. M., Matt. 6, 33.

MONDAY.

Rev. A. L. Crouse—11 A. M.—1 Cor. 9, 24–27.

Rev. A. L. Yount, of Nova Scotia, 7, P. M.—Ps. 126, 3.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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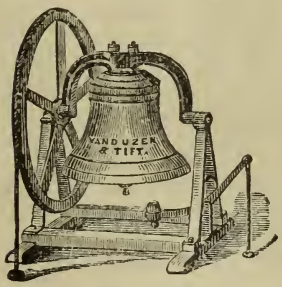

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PLACE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next Convention will be held in St. Mary's (Pine) Church, near Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah county, Va., commencing on Saturday, 10 A. M., before the last Sunday in September, 1884.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

CONOVER, N. C.,
OCT. 13, 1883.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD met in its Sixty-Third Annual Convention with St. James congregation, in the Chapel of Concordia College, in Conover, N. C., on Saturday, October 13th, 1883. Rev. J. N. Stirewalt preached the opening sermon from 1 Cor. 3, 11.

After recess the house was called to order. Divine services were conducted by the President. The Secretary called the clerical roll:

Roll of Ministers.

	Names.	Residences.
1	Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D.,	Lincolnton, N. C.
2	" P. C. Henkel, D. D.,	Conover, N. C.
3	" J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, N. C.
4	" T. Moser,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
5	" D. Efird,*	Lexington, S. C.
6	" S. Henkel, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
7	" C. H. Bernheim,	Lexington, N. C.
8	" J. M. Smith,	Conover, N. C.
9	" I. Conder,*	McGaheysville, Va.
10	" L. A. Fox, D. D.,*	Salem, Va.
11	" J. N. Stirewalt,	Stony Man, Va.
12	" M. L. Fox, M. D.,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
13	" A. L. Crouse,	Waynesboro, Va.
14	" J. P. Stirewalt,	New Market, Va.

*Absent and excused.

	Names.	Residences.
15	Rev. M. L. Little,	Dallas, N. C.
16	" J. C. Moser,	Conover, N. C.
17	" J. W. Hausenfluck,*	Alma, Va.
18	" J. K. Efird,	Prosperity, S. C.
19	" J. A. Cromer,*	Columbia, S. C.
20	" E. L. Lybrand,	Columbia, S. C.
21	" R. A. Yoder,*	Philadelphia, Pa.
22	" J. S. Koiner,	Spring Hill, S. C.
23	" D. A. Goodman,	Happy Home, N. C.
24	" W. P. Cline,	Newton, N. C.
25	" D. A. Sox,†	Oak Level, Alabama.
26	" D. J. Settlemyre,†	China Grove, N. C.
27	" J. A. Rudisill,†	Jug Town, N. C.

Candidates for the Ministry.

T. E. Armentrout,	McGaheysville, Va.
J. F. Moser,	Conover, N. C.
A. L. Sigman,	Conover, N. C.

Beneficiaries.

P. C. Wike,	Conover, N. C.
W. A. Boyte,	" "
J. P. Price,	" "
W. L. Darr,	" "
N. G. Deal,	" "
D. M. Moser,	" "

The following Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election, and their names were enrolled:

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
W. W. Lorick	Bethlehem, St. Jacob's, and St. Thomas, S. C.
Maj. H. A. Meetze	St. Peter's (Meetze's) and St. Andrew's, S. C.
J. P. Price	Emmanuel, S. C.
J. W. Summer	St. John's, St. Peter's (P. W.) & Cedar Grove, S. C.
J. T. Monts	Zion, St. Paul's, and St. James, S. C.
Wm. Jenkins	Antioch, N. C.
John D. Hoover	Salem, N. C.
David Lohr	Grace, N. C.
A. M. Long	Emmanuel and Morning Star, N. C.
I. R. Stroup	Christ's, N. C.
N. P. Efird	St. Martin's, Stanley Co., St. Martin's and Lutheran Union, Cabarrus Co., N. C.
F. A. Keply	New Jerusalem, N. C.

*Absent and excused. †Ordained at this session.

Names.	Churches Represented.
W. L. Grimes	Pilgrim, N. C.
Haley Myers	Emmanuel, N. C.
J. S. Lipe	Mt. Moriah, N. C.
H. C. Goodman	St. Mark's, N. C.
J. P. Collins	St. Martin's, Iredell Co., N. C.
J. L. Yount	Concordia, N. C.
M. W. Shook	Sharon, N. C.
D. D. Seitze	Zion, N. C.
W. M. Robinson	Luther Chapel, N. C.
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N. Wineberger	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
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F. L. Herman	St. Paul's, N. C.
J. P. Yount	St. John's, N. C.
W. S. Mauney	St. Matthew's, N. C.
D. V. Clippard	Sharon, N. C.
D. E. Whitener	Holy Trinity, N. C.
A. M. Yount	St. James, N. C.
A. A. Brown	Newton, N. C.
F. C. Sipe	St. John's, N. C.
D. A. Sox	St. Michael's, Ala.
A. M. Huit	St. James, N. C.

The President read the following report:

President's Report.

Dear Brethren in Christ Jesus:—May grace, mercy, and peace, from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be and abide with us.

It is through the tender mercy and beneficent providence of our heavenly Father, that we have been permitted to pass through another Synodical year, safely, and to assemble again in the capacity of a deliberative body, in its sixty-third annual convention, in which we are enabled to meet each other with fraternal greetings, to sympathize with each

other, to counsel and encourage each other, and to devise the best and most judicious ways and means for promoting the Gospel, maintaining and perpetuating the sacred, saving, and glorious truths and principles of our holy religion, in their purity and integrity, and for the promotion and extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth.

We should rightly appreciate these privileges and blessings, as well as properly realize the sacred duties devolving upon us, devoutly raising our hearts in thankfulness and gratitude to the Father of Lights, the Giver of all good, through Jesus Christ as the Mediator between him and us, and imploring him for a continuance of his mercies and providential care.

The lives of all our ministerial brethren, in connection with this Synod, have been preserved during the past Synodical year, whilst the deaths among our lay-members, have not been unusually numerous. The health of our Synod in a physical, moral, and spiritual aspect, may be regarded as altogether in a normal condition.

Official Acts:—October 17, 1882, I paid to Beneficiary D. A. Sox, per order, as agent for Treasurer of Beneficiary Association, seventy-five dollars, $75.00,—one-half of the appropriation made by Synod in his favor. October 17, 1882, I also, under the same circumstances, paid over to Beneficiary P. C. Wike, forty dollars, $40.00,—one-half of the amount appropriated for his benefit, by Synod. Jan. 10, 1883, I issued an order on the Treasurer of Beneficiary Association, Rev. T. Moser, to Beneficiary P. C. Wike, for forty dollars, $40.00. February 9, 1883, I issued an order on said Treasurer in favor of Beneficiary D. A. Sox for seventy-five dollars, $75.00.

Pastoral Charges:—Rev. J. K. Efird notified me, that he had resigned St. Peter's or Meetze's church, and had taken charge of St. Peter's (Piny Woods) church, and St. John's, Lexington co., South Carolina. Rev. I. Conder informed me, that he had taken charge of a church near Matthews, North Carolina. Rev. Prof. M. L. Little informs me, that the following changes have taken place in his charge:—A new congregation has been organized at Cherryville, North Carolina, of which he is now pastor, and that a new, commodious church-edifice has been erected there. Early in the year, he resigned Bethphage. Recently he resigned Sardis church, Catawba co.; and Trinity, Lincoln co., N. C. In August, he reorganized a congregation near Dallas, Gaston co., N. C., where arrangements are being made for the erection of a new brick church. Having received a call, he has taken charge of Luther Chapel. Rev. J. I. Miller has taken charge of St. Luke's church, Luray, Page co., Va., according to certain understanding and regulations, whose parochial report is submitted to Synod. Candidate J. A. Rudisill has taken charge of Bethphage, Trinity, Lincoln co., Sardis, Catawba co., and a newly organized congregation at Glen Alpine, Burk co., N. C. Candidate D. J. Settlemyre has taken charge of St. Mark, Mt. Moriah, and Phanuel

churches, Rowan co., N. C. Rev. Prof. R. A. Yoder resigned his pastoral relation to Concordia congregation, Conover, N. C. Zion's, St. Jacob's, St. Matthew's, and St. Stephen's churches, Shenandoah county, Va., are partially supplied by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., and Rev. J. P. Stirewalt. Rev. J. S. Koiner has taken charge of St. Jacob, St. Thomas, and Bethlehem churches, Lexington co., South Carolina.

Beneficiaries:—Mr. P. C. Wike and Mr. D. A. Sox pursued their studies in Concordia College, Conover, North Carolina.

Recommendations:—1. If deemed beneficial in promoting the interests of the church, That Synod take such action, as she may, in her wisdom, see fit, with a view to inaugurate a Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, properly based on the Confessions of the Church, and invested with only advisory powers, to be occupied with the more general work and operations of the Church.

2. If consistent with the charter and the desire of the proper authorities and those pecuniarily interested, That some action be taken to effect proper relations between Concordia College, located at Conover, Catawba co., N. C.,—a church institution,—and this Synod,—such relations as are customary and practicable.

3. That the agreement between the E. L. North Carolina Synod and the E. L. Tennessee Synod, inaugurated, by the committees, at Hickory, Catawba co., N. C., March, 1883, appointed by said Synods, in regard to church operations, so as to prevent conflict in mission work and other church work, be considered and acted on, by Synod, and that the Secretary furnish said paper to be appended to our minutes, as well as the action of Synod relative to it.

In conclusion, we pray the Great Head of the Church, to preside over us, guiding us in the way of all truth and efficiency, so that our deliberations and transactions, as well as our individual ministrations, may contribute to the honor and glory of God, and the promotion of the Redeemer's Kingdom. SOCRATES HENKEL.

On motion, the report was received and reserved for the proper committee.

An election was held for officers. Revs. J. K. Efird and C. H. Bernheim acted as tellers, and the result was

Rev. J. R. Peterson, - - - - President.
" A. L. Crouse, - - - - - Rec. Secretary.
" C. H. Bernheim, - - - - Cor. Secretary.
" J. N. Stirewalt, - - - - Treasurer.

On motion, Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, of the Indiana Synod, Rev. A. L. Yount, of the Pittsburg Synod, Candidates J. A. Rudisill, D. J. Settlemyre, D. A. Sox, Prof. J. F. Moser, and P.

C. Wike, of our own Synod, were received as advisory members.

Papers for Synod were called for and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

The following committees were appointed:

On Missions.—Revs. J. M. Smith, J. C. Moser, and W. P. Cline.

On State of the Church.—Revs. T. Moser, J. S. Koiner, and A. L. Crouse.

On Examination.—Revs. J. C. Moser, A. J. Fox, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and J. A. Cromer.

On President's Report.—Rev. J. M. Smith and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

On Unfinished Business.—Revs. A. J. Fox, J. P. Stirewalt, and Mr. W. W. Lorick.

On Letters and Petitions.—Revs. C. H Bernheim, D. A. Goodman, and Mr. J. L. Yount.

On Ordination.—Revs. S. Henkel, J. S. Koiner, and A. J. Fox.

On Treasurer's Report—of Beneficiary Fund—Revs. C. H. Bernheim and D. A. Sox.

On motion, Lutheran Chapel congregation was received into connection with Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Benediction by the President.

Monday, Oct. 15, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Fox. Rev. H. M. Brown, of the Evan. Luth. N. C. Synod, and Rev. J. W. S. Sheppard, of the Evan. Luth. S. C. Synod, were invited to seats as advisory members. Minutes of Saturday were read, received, and adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received and acted upon by items:

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

Your committee on unfinished business beg leave to submit the following:

1.—On page 9, the minutes of last year, we find that committee, of

which Rev. A. J. Fox is chairman, to inquire into the expediency of erecting tombstones to mark the places of burial of Revs. Philip Henkel and Ambrose Henkel, was continued from the previous year. Is that committee prepared to report?

II.—On page 10, we find that a committee, whose chairman is Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., to consider the proposed amendments to the constitution of Synod, and report to this convention, was appointed. Is that committee ready to report?

III.—On page 11, we find that Revs. J. R. Peterson and M. L. Little were appointed to prepare an ordination certificate. Has that duty been performed?

IV.—On same page, we find a committee on Beneficiary Education, of which Rev. A. J. Fox is chairman,—is that committee prepared to report?

V.—On page 12, we find that a committee, whose chairman is Rev. J. C. Moser, was appointed in regard to forming some connection between Concordia College and this Synod. Is that committee ready to report?

VI.—On page 13, we find that Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and J. M. Smith were appointed, to examine and ordain candidate D. J. Settlemyre to the office of the ministry. Has that duty been performed?

VII.—On page 18, we see a committee, composed of Revs. A. J. Fox, P. C. Henkel, and A. Costner, Esq., was appointed to meet a similar committee from the E. L. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina to make an effort to devise some plan by which a satisfactory arrangement can be made, in regard to overlapping territory between the two Synods. Has that duty been complied with?

VIII.—On the same page, we see that it was made the duty of each pastor of this Synod to collect the number of baptized persons—infants, adults, as well as communicants, and to report them to this convention of Synod. Has that rule been complied with?

IX.—On page 26, we find that the consideration of a paper, proposing a connection of this Synod with the Southern Gen. Synod of the E. L. Lutheran church, was postponed to the present convention of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,)
J. P. STIREWALT,) COMMITTEE.
W. W. LORICK,)

Item 1. No action had been taken, and the Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox and Rev. A. L. Crouse, was continued.

Item 2. Consideration postponed until Tuesday morning, nine o'clock.

Item 3. Not complied with. The committee was discharged, and Revs. J. C. Moser and J. M. Smith were appointed to attend to the matter.

Item 4. The committee had not complied and was discontinued.

Item 5. Passed over for the present.

Item 6. Not complied with by mutual arrangement.

Item. 7. The Committee made a report which was received and unanimously adopted.

Report of Committee to Meet Committee of North Carolina Synod.

Report of the committee, appointed by this Synod, to meet and confer with a similar committee, appointed by the E. L. Synod of North Carolina, in regard to *overlapping and disputed territory.*

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:—After some epistolary correspondence between the chairmen of the respective committees, in regard to the duty assigned them—the members of the committees from their respective Synods met, in the town of Hickory, Catawba co., N. C., in the E. L. Church in that place, on the 27th day of March, 1883. An organization was effected, by electing Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D., President, and Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., Secretary. The meeting was a very cordial one—the discussions fraternal and respectful, and the decisions prompt and unanimous.

The following paper was presented, carefully considered, and adopted by items, and then with great readiness and unanimity, it was adopted as a whole:

"We the undersigned committees, appointed by the North Carolina and Tennessee Synods, at their sessions, in 1882, respectfully submit the following as the conclusions and results of our deliberations, at Hickory, N. C., on the 27th of March, 1883, relative to the important matter placed in our hands. The object of our meeting being to mature and to submit, for the consideration of and the adoption by said Synods in convention assembled, some expedient, judicious, equitable plan, or policy, to prevent—between these Synods in their efforts to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom in the occupancy of places, the establishment of missions, the erection of church edifices, the organization of congregations, etc.,—conflicts calculated to disparage the efforts at and the prosperity of such places, establishments, erections, organizations, etc., as are already occupied and inaugurated by the one or the other of these Synods, and in process of existence,—we submit the subjoined plan or policy as practicable and effective:

1. That inasmuch as the aforesaid Synods confess, and teach in accordance with the confessional basis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

as set forth in her Symbols, and so long as these Synods shall thus confess and teach, neither Synod, in its efforts to promote the Gospel and cause of Christ, shall occupy places, erect churches, establish missions, organize congregations, etc., where such things have already been done or instituted by the other, in villages or towns whose inhabitants do not exceed 2,000; and, so too, in regard to churches and church-work in the country or communities, as due respect should be paid to locations at a reasonable distance, in order to prevent conflict of interest by the inauguration of such efforts too nearly contiguous.

2. That in towns or cities the number of whose inhabitants shall exceed 2,000, or shall be large enough to support two or more Lutheran Churches, it may be advantageous and proper for both Synods to operate without any view of conflict or infringement.

3. That when or where the one Synod has a member or members residing in a community, village, or town, already occupied by the other Synod, it shall be the duty of that Synod, having such member or members, to advise the same, to unite with those of the Lutheran faith already engaged in the Redeemer's work in such town or village.

4. That in all proper efforts to promote the interests of the Church, friendly Christian relations between the two Synods shall be maintained and cherished, each respecting the rights of the other, as it becomes Christians to do in the dissemination of the Gospel, and in the promotion of the Church.

This paper was subscribed by each member of the respective Committees, as follows:

L. A. BIKLE, S. ROTHROCK, D. R. HOOVER. } Com. of N. C. Synod.

A. J. FOX, P. C. HENKEL, AMB. COSTNER. } Com. of Tenn. Synod.

Inasmuch as the Evang. Lutheran Synod of North Carolina has, in her late annual convention, adopted these articles of agreement, your Committee most respectfully recommends their unanimous adoption by this Synod. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. COSTNER.

Item 8. Answers to be heard through the Parochial reports.

Item 9. Deferred for future action.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report of Delegate to Holston Synod.

Report of visit to the E. L. Holston Synod, as alternate of the Delegate appointed in 1882:

Inasmuch as 6 congregations, in the State of Tennessee, lately vacated by the removal of Rev. Professors Wagner and Barb, had extended a call to me, to become their pastor, I decided to visit them, and extend my visit, some 70 miles, and attend the annual convention of the E. L. Holston Synod, in Buehler's Church, Sulivan co., Tenn., Dr. A. J. Brown, pastor.

Not being well, I did not attend on the first day of the meeting; but on the morning of the second day, though considerably indisposed, I put in my appearance, and was most kindly and cordially received by all the members of Synod.

Inasmuch as I had not been informed by Rev. S. Henkel, who was delegate *primarius*, that he could not attend the Synod, I naturally expected to meet him there. In this I was disappointed. As he was absent, I was introduced and received as corresponding delegate from this Synod. But on taking my seat, I was considerably embarrassed to find an official letter, containing the fraternal greetings of this Synod, etc. The Synod, however, somehow managed to retain me as the corresponding delegate, and also receive and recognize the official letter of the principal.

I am exceedingly sorry, that I was so much indisposed as to prevent my attending much upon their deliberations, but from what I saw and could learn, I feel confident that a spirit of zeal and activity, in the Master's cause, prevails, that is both commendable and that others will do well to emulate.

Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., was appointed delegate to this Synod, and Rev. J. C. Miller, alternate.

I would respectfully recommend the appointment of a delegate by this Synod, to meet that Synod in her next annual convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FOX.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was received and considered by items.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

Your Committee on Letters and Petitions would respectfully submit the following report:

No. 1—Letters from Revs. R. A. Yoder, J. W. Hausenfluck, and J. A. Cromer, asking that they be excused from attending the present session of Synod, giving distance, want of means, and family conditions, as the reason of their excuse. We recommend that they be excused.

No. 2—Petitions from various churches, asking for the examina-

tion and ordination of candidates J. A. Rudisill, Junius B. Fox, D. A. Sox, D. J. Settlemyre, and J. W. S. Sheppard. We respectfully refer this matter to the Committee on examination and ordination.

No. 3 is a petition from the Elders of St. Martin's, Cabarrus Co., St. Martin's, Stanley Co., and Luther Union Churches, stating that their pastor, Rev. T. Moser, in consequence of declining health, is no longer able to serve them regularly, and asking Synod to aid in procuring the services of another regular pastor. We refer this to the consideration of Synod, and we furthermore recommend that if no pastor can be obtained that they be supplied with visits from the pastors of the N. C. Conference.

No. 4 is a petition from St. Mary's, (Pine Church,) Shenandoah Co., Va., asking for the next convention of Synod to be held in their church, stating also that this is the third time they have petitioned for the meeting of Synod. We recommend their petition to the favorable consideration of Synod.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. F. W. Peschau, Cor. Secretary of N. C. Synod, endorsed by the President of his Synod. We recommend that his letter be read.

No. 6 is a preamble and resolution of Bethlehem Church, Va., deprecating the expenditure of time, labor and money, in holding the sessions of Synod by reason of the widely extended boundaries of Synod, and asking for a more practicable, suitable and amicable arrangement of Synodical boundaries.

We recommend this to the favorable consideration of Synod in the following practicable manner:

1. That the three State Conferences, composing this Synod, be resolved into three Synods, confined by State lines.

2. That the Tenn. Synod, in order to perpetuate her history, &c., be denominated the Joint Tenn. Synod, and said Synod meet in triennial convention on middle ground, composed of the above named three district Synods, and such other Synods as may desire to unite with us, for the purpose of transacting and having the superintendence of the general church work.

No. 7 is a letter, signed by G. L. Hunt, M. L. Carpenter, D. C. Huffman, C. H. L. Schuette, making a formal request to meet in a free Conference the members of this Synod, or as many as are willing to meet with them, *in or near* Conover, on or about the 16th prox., leaving it to us to fix the exact time and place of meeting. The letter concludes with these words, "Hoping that you will for the love and peace of our dear church give a favorable consideration to our proposal, and answer us at your earliest convenience, we are yours in the love of Christ." We recommend that a committee of two be appointed to meet the undersigned individuals of said letter, and ascertain the direct aim and purpose of such proposed Conference, and that said committee report early to this Synod.

No. 8 is a preamble and resolution, praying this body to advise Zion and Hickory congregations to call a pastor, acceptable to the Lutherans there, irrespective of Synodical connection. This communication is signed by the committee, H. C. McAlister, Secretary, and Rev. W. A. Lutz. We refer this matter to the consideration of Synod.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., delegate from the Holston Synod to this body, expressing his regret at not being able to meet with us in our convention, and conveying to us the fraternal greetings of said Synod. We hereby express our regret and disappointment of Dr. Brown not being able to meet with us.

No. 10—Petitions from Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Newton, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Antioch, asking to be received in connection with this Synod. The former congregation have appointed A. A. Brown as delegate to this body. We recommend that the congregations be received.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. GOODMAN,
J. L. YOUNT.

ADDENDA.—No. 11 is a petition of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cherryville, N. C., asking to be received in connection with this Synod, and F. C. Sipe elected delegate.

We recommend their petition be granted.

Respectfully,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. GOODMAN.

Synod adjourned for divine service and refreshments.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order, roll called, and the report of the Committee on Letters and Petitions was taken up for consideration.

Items 9 and 10 were adopted, and the congregations enrolled.

Item 7 was amended and adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 1. The recommendations of the Committee were sustained.

Revs. D. Efird and L. A. Fox, D. D., were excused for non-attendance.

Item 3. The recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

Pending the consideration of the report, Synod adjourned to meet Tuesday, 16th, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer with the President.

TUESDAY, 16, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met. Divine services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Bernheim. The roll was called, minutes read, corrected, and adopted.

The special order for the hour was suspended, and the Committee on the President's Report made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The committee, to whom was referred the President's report, beg leave respectfully to submit the following in relation thereto:

The first recommendation calls to the attention of this body the propriety of considering some general plan or basis upon which the Southern Lutheran church might meet for more general church-work.

In relation to this matter, your committee have only to call the attention of this body to the fact, that there is now before it a proposition which lies over from last meeting, and which will come up under the head of unfinished business, to unite this body with the Southern General Synod. The discussion of this question will doubtless bring this whole subject to the attention of this Synod, and your committee have felt it unnecessary to report further upon this point.

The second recommendation in relation to Concordia College is now in the hands of a committee, charged with the whole subject, and we deem that it would be improper in us to make any suggestion in relation thereto.

The third recommendation in relation to the agreement between this and the North Carolina Synod in relation to mission and other church-work has been finally met by a report of a committee of this Synod, especially charged with the same, and which has been adopted by this body —and your committee ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of said report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Constitution made a report on the Articles of the Constitution, but not on the By-Laws, which report was taken up for consideration, and after some discussion was postponed until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

On motion, Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser was elected Treasurer of the Beneficiary Fund *vice* Rev. T. Moser resigned on account of impaired health, and Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., was appointed his agent in Virginia. Parochial Reports were called for, read, and handed to the Secretary. Rev. J. I. Miller, who is serving St. Mark's congregation, Luray, Va., in connection with our Synod, according to a certain understanding and regulations, made a parochial report.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary add a column to the parochial report, in which he shall place the number of souls, as far as reported, and that all our ministers be requested to report annually the whole number of souls belonging to their charges, that is, all entitled to commune, as well as all who are baptized—and not confirmed, in their respective charges.

Synod adjourned to meet at one o'clock. Benediction by the President.

TUESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, the roll was called, and the following report was made, received, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report of Beneficiary Fund.

Your committee on the Treasurer's report of the Beneficiary Fund would respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and find it correct, leaving a balance in the treasury of $30.94.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. SOX.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

There was placed in my hands a copy of the minutes of the Holston Synod, which convened in Buehler's Church, Sullivan Co., Tenn., Aug. 16th to 19th, 1883. The officers are Rev. J. K. Hancher, Pres.; Rev. J. G. Schaidt, Secy.; Mr. Geo. O. Houser, Treas.; and Rev. G. H. Cox. Missionary President.

The brethren are actively engaged in building up the Master's kingdom in their midst.

C. H. BERNHEIM, CORR. SECY.

The consideration of the report on Letters and Petitions was resumed.

Item 4 was adopted and St. Mary's (Pine Church) Church, Shenandoah Co., Va., was chosen as the place of the next meeting of Synod, and Saturday, 10 o'clock, A. M., before the last Sunday in September, 1884, as the time.

Item 5. The recommendation of the Committee was sustained, and the letter read.

Item 6. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., and Maj. H. A. Meetze, with instructions to report to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock. All propositions bearing upon the subject of union were referred to this committee, among them an official letter from the Virginia Synod, addressed to the Secretary of this Synod, was read in open Synod.

Item 8. The following was adopted:

Resolved, Inasmuch as both Hickory and Zion congregations are supplied with pastors, we deem it inexpedient to advise the above congregations in the matter recommended by the Ex. Com.,—H. C. McAlister, Secretary.

Item 9. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Beneficiary Education Fund be requested to furnish for publication in our minutes the amounts paid for beneficiary education, designating specifically the sums contributed by each congregation, according to pastorates, as well as the names of special donors.

The following report of the Committee on the Reception of Concordia College was received, considered, and adopted:

Report of Committee on Reception of Concordia College.

We, the committee, appointed by Synod, to confer with the Trustees of Concordia College, and prepare an agreement which may serve as a basis upon which said school may become the recognized institution of Synod, present the following report:

A meeting of the Board of Trustees having been called, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, There seems to be a general desire to establish proper relations between Concordia College and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and.

WHEREAS, It is generally believed that such relations would inure to the interest of this school, as well as to the good of the Synod or Church, at a meeting held in said institution, on Oct. 15th, by the Board of Trustees, the Faculty, and others immediately interested, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That, with a view of establishing proper relations between Concordia College, situated at Conover, N. C., and the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, we, in meeting assembled, agree, 1. that, whenever a vacancy, or vacancies, occur, either by death, resignation, or removal, in the Board of Trustees or in the Faculty, the said Synod shall have the right as well as the privilege to recommend a suitable person, or persons, to fill such vacancy or vacancies; 2. that the Synod shall have the right to appoint a Board of Visitors, whose duty it shall be annually to visit said school, and make such report of the condition of the school to each session of the Synod, as may be deemed most advantageous; 3. that it shall be the duty of the President of the Faculty to make a report annually to Synod, relative to moral and literary condition of the school, which report shall also be signed by the secretary of the faculty; 4. that the President of the Board of Trustees shall also make an annual report to Synod, in regard to the financial condition of the school, which report shall likewise be signed by the secretary of the Board of the Trustees; 5. that this school shall be continued and conducted as a church institution, under such rules and regulations, as may be instituted by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the charter, and the Confessions of the Church as set forth in the Christian Book of Concord, each teacher, instructor, or professor, taking an obligation not to teach anything in said school that is contrary to said Confessions.

These stipulations or propositions shall be valid and in force, provided the said Synod shall acquiesce, and is disposed to lend said institution its fostering care and encouragement, as well as its influence and moral force; provided, that if the Synod shall fail, after notice, to recommend, in due time, a suitable person or persons to fill such vacancy or vacancies, the proper authorities of said institution, shall proceed to fill such vacancy or vacancies.

J. M. SMITH, SECRETARY. D. D. SEITZ, PRESIDENT.

We, your committee, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, accept the propositions made to us by the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, and that in consideration of the rights and privileges therein granted, we will lend to said institution our fostering care, influence, and moral support.

J. C. MOSER,
J. R. PETERSON,
C. H. BERNHEIM.

Synod adjourned to meet at seven o'clock, P. M. Benediction by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D.

TUESDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called. Revs. E. L. Lybrand, D. A. Goodman, and M. L. Fox were excused from further attendance.

Rev. I. Conder was excused for non-attendance.

The following vote of thanks was passed:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention of Synod, hereby tender our most sincere thanks to the members of this congregation and other citizens of this vicinity for the very kind, cordial manner in which they have received and entertained us, during our stay among them; and that the minister of this congregation read this resolution to the congregation at the first service held in this church.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each beneficiary and applicant one copy; each general body of Lutherans in this country one copy; the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence one copy each; our institutions of learning one copy each; our Lutheran publications one copy each.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to hunt up a blank book once used by Synod for preserving the clerical and congregational rolls, and if that cannot be found he buy and forward to the Secretary a suitable book for that purpose, and that he use funds of Synod in his hands.

The following corresponding delegates were appointed:

To S. C. Synod:—Rev. J. S. Koiner, Principal; Rev. E. L. Lybrand, Alternate.

To Virginia Synod:—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Principal; Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, Alternate.

To N. C. Synod:—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Principal; Rev. W. P. Cline, Alternate.

To Holston Synod:—Rev. J. M. Smith, Principal; Rev. J. K. Efird, Alternate.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to furnish an abstract of the minutes for publication in OUR CHURCH PAPER, and request the LUTHERAN VISITOR to copy.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock. Prayer with Rev. C. H. Bernheim.

WEDNESDAY, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Synod met, and divine service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Crouse. The roll was called, minutes read, received, and adopted.

The Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws made a report which was considered and adopted:

Report of Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod.

Your Committee, appointed to consider amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of Synod, submit the following:*

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. This Synod shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and lay-delegates. The lay-delegates shall be appointed by the congregations in connection with this Synod to represent them in the Synodical Meetings.

That Art. 3, Sec. 1, be so amended as to read: This Synod is an association of congregations. Its conventions shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers in their connection, and their lay-delegates.

SEC. 5. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office. Cases of this kind, if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

That Sec. 5 of Art. 3, be made Sec. 2 of Art. 6 of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practice, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to expel and depose from the Synod and holy office of the ministry, such as refuse after admonition to repent of their wrong.

That Sec. 1 of Art. 4, be so amended as to read: The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, to recommend orthodox liturgies, hymn books, catechisms, parochial and

* MEMORANDUM.—The matter which appears in the smaller type, presents the reading of the present constitution in regard to the Articles and Sections indicated, and to be amended, and that in the larger, the reading of the constitution as amended, relative to said Articles and Sections.—PUBLISHERS.

Sunday-school books, to engage in missionary work—domestic and foreign, to aid indigent young men in preparing for the work of the ministry, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practices and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and finding them guilty, to suspend or expel from Synod such as are deemed unworthy to bear the office, and advise their pastorates to sever their official relations with them.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of Synod as soon as the wants of the church shall demand, and its resources will justify, to engage in the work of Missions both domestic and foreign: and also in the work of Beneficiary Education for the purpose of preparing indigent young men of talents and piety for the work of the ministry in connection with the Lutheran Church according to such regulations as it may adopt, and consider best calculated to promote these great objects.

That Sec. 2 of Art. 4, be stricken out.

Sec. 3. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting, appointing one or more Pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry at some suitable time and place by the laying on of hands and prayer.

That Sec. 3 (2) of Art. 4, be so amended as to read: Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and after due approval appoint one or more pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry, by the laying on of hands and prayer.

Sec. 5. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations who may desire to be connected with it, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

That Sec. 5 (4) of Art. 4, be so amended as to read: Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations in its connection, provided they subscribe this constitution.

BY-LAWS.

That sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Art. 4, be stricken out, and the following substituted:

Sec. 2. Should any member of the church know a minister to be guilty of a private offense, he shall reprove him according to Matt. 18, 15; and, if in the process, as required in this text, he be restored fully to the favor of his charge, or congregation, as to his membership and fitness to perform the functions of the ministry, the matter should rest here; but if his offense shall have been of such a serious character, in violating the principles of piety, rules of morality, or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our church, and the decisions of the congregation or charge shall not have been satisfactory to the Synod, Synod shall investigate the matter, and, if in her judgment, his offense has been such as to disqualify him to discharge the functions of the ministry, she shall sever his Synodical relation, and recommend the congregation or congregations to sever

his pastoral or ministerial relations; and any congregation refusing to do so, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 3. In the event of an offense committed by a minister of this Synod, requiring the aid of Synod to adjust it satisfactorily, the member or members, acquainted with the facts in the case, shall immediately inform the president of Synod, who shall call, without delay, a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused. The president shall notify the parties of the call session, and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected, the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid, and impartial investigation, and dispose of it according to the evidence in the case.

Sec. 4. If a minister against whom serious charges are preferred, be duly notified and he refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, his connection with Synod shall be severed, and his charge advised to sever his pastoral and ministerial relations.

That Sec. 2 of Art. 5, be stricken out.

That Sec. 3 of Art. 5, be stricken out, and the following be substituted in its place:

Sec. 3. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the services of a candidate for the ministry, he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of pastor, according to Article IV, Sec. 3 of Constitution.

That Sec. 4 of Art. 5, be stricken out.

That relative to the reception of ministers or candidates for the ministry, and pulpit and altar fellowship, we recommend that the following, known as the Summit Rule, be adhered to, which reads as follows:

This Synod is invested only with advisory power; and whereas the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the Church, or that sets up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

3. With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of some be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation, designated in the Augsburg Confession, article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said, "Let a man examine himself," etc.; and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

4. In regard to Chiliasm, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th article of the Augsburg Confession.

SOCRATES HENKEL,
T. MOSER,
P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. A. L. Yount be requested to furnish OUR CHURCH PAPER with a copy of his sermon, delivered before Synod on Monday night, the 15th inst.

In answer to an inquiry about the meaning of the "Summit Rule," the following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod holds that the Summit Rule does not favor Pulpit and Altar service with the denominations.

The following report was received for consideration:

Report of Committee on Districting, Joint Union, &c.

We, your committee, appointed to report on all propositions bearing on the subject of districting the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, and forming a joint union out of said districts and other synods, that may favor such joint union, and that of a Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, submit the following:

WHEREAS the committee on letters and petitions recommend, that the three State Conferences, composing the E. L. Tenn. Synod, be resolved into three Synods, confined by State lines; second, that the E. L. Tenn. Synod, in order to perpetuate her history, &c., be denominated the Joint Tenn. Synod, and meet in triennial conventions on middle ground, composed of the above named three district Synods, and such other Synods as may desire to unite with us, for the purpose of transacting and having the superintendence of the general church work of said Joint Synod; we your committee respectfully recommend, that this matter be referred to these Conferences for consideration, indicating their wishes.

WHEREAS, At its last session, a paper was laid before our Synod, asking it to take into consideration the propriety of effecting some connection with the Southern E. L. Genl. Synod; and

WHEREAS the following action was taken by our Synod, relative to that request,

Resolved, That this paper be deferred to our next annual session of Synod for consideration; and

WHEREAS there is a desire, as well as an element at work, to establish a more general union among the E. L. Synods South, in the form of a Genl. Lutheran Southern Synodical Conference, based on the Confessions of the Church, as extant in the Christian Book of Concord; be it therefore

1. *Resolved*, That in view of this aspect of things, we deem it in opportune to take any action at this time, in regard to that paper or request;

2. *Resolved*, That it is the sentiment of this Synod, if there be sufficient internal union to justify external, organic union, that union in the form of a Genl. Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, properly based on the Confessions of the Church, with only advisory power, and invested with the more general operations of the Church, is the safest, and most feasible, and churchly policy that can be inaugurated, under the present circumstances;

3. *Resolved*, That with a view of accomplishing this desirable object, this Synod appoint a committee, consisting of three from Virginia, four from North Carolina, and two from South Carolina, whose duty it shall be, provided the move meet with sufficient encouragement in their judgment, to co-operate with other similar committees, or individuals, who may favor such move, in appointing a suitable time and place for the assembling of such a diet, and to represent this Synod in such diet, to inaugurate such Southern Lutheran Synodical Conference, submitting the result of their efforts and actions to the different Synods for their approval or disapproval: and, if deemed proper, appoint another time and place for the consummation of such Conference.

We would further submit, that we rejoice, to be able to state that this sentiment is indicated in resolutions, passed by the late sessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Holston Synod, as set forth in its minutes, transmitted to our Synod, as well as in resolutions, passed at the recent sessions of the E. L. Virginia Synod, communicated to us in session assembled, in which a time and place are designated for the holding of a diet or other Conference for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
SOCRATES HENKEL,
HENRY A. MEETZE.

Synod adjourned for refreshments. Benediction by Rev. W. P. Cline.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called.

The following report was received and adopted:

Report on Treasurer's Report of the E. L. Tennessee Synod.

We, your committee, have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct. There is in the treasury a balance of seventy dollars and thirty-eight cents ($70.38.) In the hands of the former Treasurer, $46.20; and in the hands of Henkel & Co., $24.18. We recommend that these amounts be paid over into the hands of the newly elected Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
D. A. SOX.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, There are in this country about 6,370,000 Germans, 700,000 Swedes, 500,000 Norwegians, and 200,000 Danes;

WHEREAS, Lutheran Emigration has taken unprecedented proportions: Germans, yearly, 232,000; Swedes, 59,000; Norwegians, 27,000; and Danes, 18,000;

WHEREAS, About $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Germans and nearly all the Scandinavians are Lutheran; and

WHEREAS, Immigration statistics show that these people scatter over the whole country, in every county and town; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recognize in all this the providence of God in opening to our church a most effectual door for advancing Christ's cause; that we earnestly request *all* our pastors and *congregations* to make special efforts to keep a list of such people, to circulate among them Lutheran tracts and papers in their own languages, to welcome the parents into our churches and their children to our Sunday schools, and by exchanging pulpits or otherwise to secure a sermon for them occasionally in their native tongue.

Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, of the Indiana Synod, addressed Synod in a feeling manner, and, at the request of the President, was appropriately responded to by Rev. C. H. Bernheim. Rev. A. L. Yount, of the Pittsburg Synod, made an interesting and timely address, and was responded to by Rev. M. L. Little.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod urgently request, that every minister in its

connection arrange to hold a Luther festival in every congregation in his charge—services commemorative of the 400th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther—during the year.

The following report was read, received, and adopted:

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

We, your committee on the State of the Church, submit the following brief statement of the facts, as far as we have been able to ascertain them:

Upon a survey of the whole field, we think we are able to report considerable progress in the work of the Church; and although there are many things which must be deplored, yet encouraged by the progress of the past year, we are inclined to look on the bright side, and to hope for better things in the near future.

In North Carolina, we are able to report improvement and progress. The outlook is more encouraging, we think, than it has been for some time. An unusually large number of congregations have been organized, during the past year. A number of good church edifices have been erected. A growing interest in education has been manifested everywhere. A greater degree of harmony and unanimity seems to be prevailing, and the evils heretofore complained of are abating.

In most quarters, however, there is great negligence in the matter of pastoral support, and in some places it appears that absolutely nothing is done in the general benevolence of the Church. There is also a great want of preachers among us in this State; but the want is bringing its supply, and we trust the time is soon coming when the supply will fully meet the demand.

In South Carolina, there appears to be improvement in the general condition of our churches. Our people manifest more life in the work of the Master. The interest in all the operations of the Church is increasing. The Sunday-school work and catechisation are receiving due attention in all the congregations. Our pastors now, as in the past, are poorly paid for their services. A decided improvement in this respect would result in much good to the Church. In general benevolence, too, there is much room for improvement among all our congregations. Proper church discipline is not always exercised among our people, and some of the good old Lutheran customs are sadly neglected.

In Virginia, there is a great want of ministers: but all the churches have some service, and are doing as well as possible. Unity and harmony prevail among the ministers. The money raised for benevolent purposes does not meet the demands of the Church; and, perhaps, this trouble is met with everywhere, and that our people do as well, or better, than others.

We are glad to hear that our cause in Alabama is still quite hopeful, and now becoming more encouraging.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. C. MOSER,
J. K. EFIRD.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, The New Market, Va., edition of the Christian Book of Concord is exhausted, be it

Resolved, That Henkel & Co. be requested to furnish circulars to the ministers of this Synod, as well as to other Synods, indicating whether they would furnish a new, revised edition of said work, as a memorial of the four-hundredth anniversary of Luther's birth, and the probable cost, and whether subscribers would be necessary to secure such publication, and that this matter receive prompt attention, and that the ministers respond as soon as possible to such circular.

The following report was received, and acted upon by items:

Report of Committee on Examination, &c.

We, your committee on examination of applicants for beneficiary aid, and candidates for the ministry, submit the following report:

We have had a conference with Messrs. W. A. Boyte, J. P. Price, W. L. Darr, D. M. Moser, and N. G. Deal, and being satisfied as to their qualifications and progress, we recommend that they be placed under care of Synod, and directed according to our beneficiary regulations.

We recommend that Synod appropriate $75.00 to Mr. W. A. Boyte.

We recommend that Synod appropriate $75.00 to Mr. J. P. Price.

We recommend the appropriation of $75.00 to Mr. W. L. Darr.

We also recommend the appropriation of $100.00 to Mr. P. C. Wike.

We recommend the appropriation of $60.00 to Mr. N. G. Deal.

To Mr. D. M. Moser, $25.00.

We recommend that these young brethren be directed to pursue their studies in Concordia College, Conover, N. C.

We further recommend that Prof. J. F. Moser be received under the care of this Synod, as a candidate for the ministry.

J. C. MOSER,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD,
J. N. STIREWALT.

After due consideration, the report was adopted, and the appropriations made.

Brother T. E. Armentrout was directed to pursue his studies under direction of Dr. S. Henkel.

The report of the committee on papers concerning a diet, etc., was taken up and considered by items. After considerable discussion, the entire report was adopted without any change.

The following were appointed delegates according to the provisions of the report:

Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Rev. A. L. Crouse, Maj. A. Koiner, from Virginia. Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Rev. M. L. Little, A. Costner, Esq., from North Carolina. Rev. J. S. Koiner and H. A. Meetze, Esq., from South Carolina.

The following report was made, received, and considered by items:

Report of Committee on Ordination.

Your committee on ordination respectfully submit the following report:

1. We have performed the duty assigned to us of examining the brethren, D. J. Settlemyre, J. A. Rudisill, and D. A. Sox, as applicants for ordination. We find their qualifications, in every respect, quite sufficient to warrant our recommendation that they be ordained.

2. Inasmuch as Prof. Junius B. Fox could not be present at this examination, your committee recommend that the request of the petitioners for his examination and ordination be granted, and a committee be appointed to attend to that duty.

3. Whilst a petition was placed in our hands, asking for the examination and ordination of Prof. Sheppard, he did not appear before your committee.

S. HENKEL,)
A. J. FOX, > COMMITTEE.
J. S. KOINER,)

Item 1 was adopted, and the ordination ordered to take place.

Item 2 was adopted, and the N. C. Conference was appointed the committee.

Item 3 was adopted, and it was noted that the S. C. Synod requested the right to ordain Mr. Sheppard, as he had been educated by that Synod, and for that reason he did not appear before the committee.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Synod adjourned to meet after preaching to-night. Benediction by Rev. T. Moser.

At 7 o'clock, an ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox, after which the candidates were ordained by the committee.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and the roll was called.

The following report was made, received, and adopted:

We, the committee appointed to convey the action of this Synod in regard to a certain paper, addressed to this Synod, signed by E. L. Hunt and others, requesting a free conference, submit, that we conveyed the said action of this Synod relative to this paper, and had a short interview with them, and that they furnished us no definite response, but intimated that, as their meeting had adjourned, it was too late at this time, for such conference.

S. HENKEL, }
M. L. LITTLE, } COMMITTEE.

The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statement of the Rev. A. L. Yount of the efforts of the Pennsylvania Synod, to put up a new Seminary building, at Philadelphia. This effort has our warmest sympathy, and we only regret that we are unable to assist pecuniarily in this commendable work, but the wants of our church and her institutions prevent it at this time. We commend it to the kind consideration of our people, and ask for it donations from individuals.

The following was adopted:

Moved that this Synod instruct its President to grant to Rev. Dr. A. J. Fox an honorable dismissal from this body to the Holston Synod, in case he request it prior to our next regular convention.

Synod adjourned to meet at the time and place elected, and was closed in due form.

A. L. CROUSE, SECRETARY.

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EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1882.		DR.
To amount received from Rev. J. K. Efird		$ 2 10
" " " " "	J. A. Cromer	70
" " " " "	R. A. Yoder	2 50
" " " " "	J. R. Peterson	6 30
" " " " "	I. Conder	1 00
" " " " "	P. C. Henkel	3 30
" " " " "	M. L. Fox	50
" " " " "	J. S. Koiner	1 00
" " " " "	J. M. Smith	3 50
" " " " "	E. L. Lybrand	1 70
" " " " "	S. Henkel	3 00
" " " " "	T. Moser	3 10
" " " " "	D. A. Goodman	1 40
" " " " "	M. L. Little	8 00
" " " "	Emmanuel Laminac	1 00
" " " "	Louis Shealy	40
" " " "	H. J. Wesinger	10
" " " "	A. S. Frick	20
" " " "	Benj. F. Whitener	2 20
" " " "	Jacob Anthony	1 40
" " " "	Dr. J. W. Eargle	1 20
" " " "	L. G. Wheeler	1 00
" " " "	C. Bookman	50
" " " "	Col. G. H. Chatman	10
Amount on hand		46 20
" due Synod from Henkel & Co., as per following statement		24 18
Amount total		$70 38

Statement.

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IN ACCOUNT WITH

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1882.		Cr.
Oct. 15,	By amount from former Treas.	$66 80
" 25,	" Cash of H. J. Wesinger	20
Dec. 27,	" " " Rev. C. H. Bernheim	2 00
1883.		
Jan. 5,	By cash of Rev. J. P. Stirewalt	4 50
" 12,	" " " J. C. Moser	2 30
Feb. 15,	" " " J. N. Stirewalt	2 40
		$78 20

1883.		Dr.
Dec. 14,	To amount paid Henkel & Co., for printing and mailing Minutes,	$54 02
	To amount to balance	$24 18
		$78 20
	To balance due Synod, in hands of Henkel & Co., subject to order of Synod	$24 18

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

T. MOSER, IN ACCOUNT WITH

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1882.		Dr.
Oct. 21,	To cash on hand	$70 42
Nov. 25,	" " St. Martin's church, Stanly	25
Dec. 9,	" " Rev. D. A. Goodman	3 10
1883.		
Feb. 28,	To cash Rev. J. C. Moser	15 00
" 28,	" " " J. S. Koiner	5 00
		$93 77

1883.		Cr.
Jan. 20,	By cash paid P. C. Wike	$40 00
Feb. 28,	" " " D. A. Sox	53 00
" 28,	" " " Postage	13
		$93 13
	Balance on hand	64

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER, TREAS. BEN. EDUCATION.

Treasurer's Agent's Report of Beneficiary Fund.

SOCRATES HENKEL'S REPORT AS AGENT FOR

TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND.

Oct. 8, 1883.		DR.
To am't in my hands at report or settlement made Oct. 10, 1882....		$34 47
1882.		
Oct. 16,	To amount from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge.....	23 20
" " "	" Emmanuel's, S. C.	3 60
" " "	" Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge	15 00
" " "	" Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge Alabama, $3 00; Bethlehem church, $21 00.....	24 00
Oct. 16,	To amount from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge.	8 75
" " "	" Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge	1 40
" " "	" Bethlehem church, S. C., per C. Bookman	15 00
" " "	" Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge.....	3 40
" " "	" St. Jacob's, S. C., per Dr. Eargle.....	15 00
1883.		
Feb. 10,	To amount from Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel.....	1 00
Apr. 11,	" " Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge Morning Star, $1 40; Mt. Calvary, $1 60 per J. S. Printz	3 00
May,	To am't from Miss Mary E. Sommers, Mt. Nebo church, Va.	1 00
Oct. 2,	" " Rev. S. Henkel's charge Emmanuel's, $8.50; Mt. Zion, $5.11.....	13 61
Oct. 2,	To am't from St. Luke's, per Rev. J. I. Miller.....	5 00
		$167 43

1882.		CR.
Oct. 17,	By amount paid Beneficiary D. A. Sox.	$75 00
" " "	" " P. C. Wike.	40 00
1883.		
Mar. 9,	By amount paid Beneficiary, D. A. Sox, per Treasurer's order, Rev. T. Moser..	22 00
By postage		13
		$137 13

Balance in my hands.....$30 30

S. HENKEL.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

Ministers.	Entered Ministry	Congregations.	Communicants.	Souls.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Renewals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Current Expenses	Other Objects.
Rev. A. J. Fox, M. D.	1837	5	575	.....	3	51	28	10	20	...	3	28	200	2	$6.30	.....	.....	.....
" P. C. Henkel, D. D.	1843	4	730	1425	1	80	22	..	12	...	2	5	....	...	3.80	$27.10	$400.00	.....
" J. R. Peterson	1843	4	200	436	...	21	14	...	2	...	1	...	....	...	2.40	15.20	300.00	.....
" T. Moser	1844	3	150	.....	...	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	....	...	2.00	3.50	.....	.....
" S. Henkel, D. D.	1850	2	245	463	7	28	8	...	15	...	1	7	50	...	2.70	13.61	350.00	$ 235.00
" J. M. Smith	1856	3	528	.....	1	21	25	...	10	...	...	...	....	...	3.10	6.00	160.00	.....
" I. Conder	1861	4	.....	.....	...	6	4	2	1	...	2	...	....	...	1.20	.....	300.00	.....
" J. N. Stirewalt	1871	5	405	690	...	20	3	...	6	...	4	30	251	4	4.30	10.00	.....	.....
" M. L. Fox, M. D.	1871	3	120	.....	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	1.50	.....	.....	.....
" A. L. Crouse	1871	1	104	161	..	5	1	3	1	...	1	14	98	1	1.10	12.20	3.23	15.00
" J. P. Stirewalt	1873	5	700	1050	4	41	61	...	14	...	2	16	200	...	6.90	10.00	.....	500.00
" M. L. Little *	1873	9	1140	.....	3	69	24	...	21	...	2	12	125	...	10.00	.....	600.00	2800.00
" J. C. Moser	1873	5	450	.....	...	27	6	...	2	...	2	10	150	...	5.10	30.50	450.00	.....
" J. W. Hausenfluck	1876	5	240	.....	9	26	14	...	11	...	1	..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
" J. K. Efird	1877	3	695	1279	...	53	18	3	21	...	4	16	200	1	3.50	5.00	400.00	.....
" J. A. Cromer	1877	3	192	300	1	21	5	3	2	...	3	18	110	2	2.20	8.30	180.00	125.00
" E. L. Lybrand	1877	3	310	653	1	14	9	...	7	...	3	20	190	...	2.50	16.00	200.00	.....
" R. A. Yoder	1878	2	218	.....	...	18	15	10	1	...	1	12	88	...	.....	10.18	250.00	.....
" J. S. Koiner	1881	3	315	652	0	19	0	5	5	0	3	17	160	4	2.70	11.00	238.00	72.25
" W. P. Cline	1881	5	370	.....	1	18	1	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
" D. A. Goodman	1882	3	109	.....	3	12	1	5	4	...	...	...	....	...	1.50	7.05	400.00	200.00
" J. I. Miller	1859	1	40	....	1	3	1	10	1	...	1	7	55	...	1.00	5.00	.....	.....
" D. J. Settlemyre	1883	3	200	410	...	9	3	2	2	...	2	...	....	...	1.60	.....	.....	.....
" D. A. Sox	1883	1	49	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	....	...	1.20	.....	22.00	.....
Four Churches †	.....	4	275	560	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

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RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

SATURDAY.

Synodical Sermon—Rev. J. N. Stirewalt, 1 Cor. 3–11, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Rev. E. L. Lybrand—7, P. M.

SUNDAY.

In College Chapel, 10½, A. M.—Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., Mark 16, 16.

In Grove, 10½, A. M.—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, Matt. 22, 11–13.

In College Chapel, 1, P. M.—Service of the Holy Communion, conducted by the President, and the Sacrament administered to 207 communicants.

Rev. M. J. Stirewalt, of Indiana, 7, P. M., Matt. 6, 33.

MONDAY.

Rev. A. L. Crouse—11 A. M.—1 Cor. 9, 24–27.

Rev. A. L. Yount, of Nova Scotia, 7, P. M.—Ps. 126, 3.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Convention will be held in St. Peter's (Meetze's) Church, near Lexington, S. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1885.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ST. MARY'S (PINE) CHURCH,
September 27th, 1884.

The Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in its sixty-fourth annual convention in St. Mary's (Pine) Church, on Saturday, September 27th, 1884.

In the absence of the President, Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. A. L. Crouse preached the opening sermon from Luke 18, 10-14.

After recess the house was called to order. Divine service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Crouse, and the clerical roll was called.

Roll of Ministers.

	Names.	Residences.
1	Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D.,	Conover, N. C.
2	" *J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, N. C.
3	" *T. Moser,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
4	" †D. Efird,	Lexington, S. C.
5	" S. Henkel, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
6	" C. H. Bernheim,	Conover, N. C.
7	" ‡J. M. Smith	Conover, N. C.
8	" I. Conder,	McGaheysville, Va.
9	" *L. A. Fox, D. D.,	Salem, Va.
10	" J. N. Stirewalt	Stony Man, Va.
11	" M. L. Fox, M. D.,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	" A. L. Crouse,	Waynesboro, Va.
13	" J. P. Stirewalt,	New Market, Va.

* Absent and excused. †Absent. ‡Absent and not excused.

	Names.	Residences.
14	Rev. M. L. Little,	Dallas, N. C.
15	" *J. C. Moser,	Conover, N. C.
16	" J. W. Hausenfluck,	Alma, Va.
17	" J. K. Efird,	Prosperity, S. C.
18	" *J. A. Cromer,	Columbia, S. C.
19	" *E. L. Lybrand,	Columbia, S. C.
20	" ‡R. A. Yoder,	Newton, N. C.
21	" *J. S. Koiner,	Spring Hill, S. C.
22	" *D. A. Goodman,	Happy Home, N. C.
23	" ‡W. P. Cline,	Fair Grove, N. C.
24	" *D. A. Sox,	Oak Level, Alabama.
25	" *D. J. Settlemyre,	China Grove, N. C.
26	" J. A. Rudisill,	Jug Town, N. C.
27	" ‖H. Wetzel,	Woodstock, Va.
28	" ‖J. I. Miller,	Luray, Va.

Candidates for the Ministry:

T. E. Armentrout,	Almondville, Va.
J. F. Moser,	Conover, N. C.
A. L. Sigman,	Conover, N. C.

Beneficiaries:

P. C. Wike,	Conover, N. C.
W. A. Boyte,	" "
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W. L. Darr,	" "
N. G. Deal,	" "
D. M. Moser,	" "
D. I. Offman,	New Market, Va.
J. Q. Lippard,	Statesville, N. C.

The following Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election, and their names were enrolled:

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Elon O. Henkel, Alternate Joseph Hupp,	Emmanuel, Va.
Geo. Lohr,	Mt. Zion, Va.
E. Bowman,	Zion, Va.
G. D. Dovel,	St. Peter, Va.
B. M. Switzer,	Bethany, Va.
Philip Lohr,	Mt. Nebo, Va.
David Golliday,	St. David, Va.

*Absent and excused. ‡Absent and not excused.
‖Received at this meeting.

Lay-Delegates—Continued.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Abraham Funkhouser,	Powder Spring, Va.
Geo. Sours,	Grace Church, Va.
Geo. Griffith,	Morning Star, Va.
Silone Zirkle,	St. Mary's, Va.
Paul Miller,	Solomon's, Va.
Geo. Arehart,	Rader, Va.
Fenton Miller,	St. Paul's, Va.
Abraham Dodson,	St. Jacob's, Va.
Wm. Schwartz,	St. Matthew's, Va.
A. Printz,	Alma, Va.
Wm. E. Miller,	St. Paul's, Augusta Co., Va.
Wm. J. Shenk,	St. Mark's, Va.
H. J. Good,	Cedar Point, Va.
Reuben Sommers,	Mt. Calvary, Va.
Peter Fansler,	St. John's Church, Va.
P. C. Wike,	St. James', Grace, Salem, N.C.
A. J. Moretz,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

Maj. H. A. Meetze, Delegate for all South Carolina congregations.

The President's report was read, received, and referred:

President's Report.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in Convention Assembled—

Dear Brethren: Through the kind providence of our Father in Heaven, we have passed through another synodical year, and, with a single exception, the ranks of our ministry remain unbroken. On the 10th day of last June, our lamented brother, Rev. A. J. Fox, departed this life. I recommend that a committee be appointed to report suitable resolutions to his memory.

During the early part of the year, I issued orders on the Treasurer of the beneficiary fund of synod in favor of beneficiaries—W. A. Boyte, Wm. L. Darr, J. P. Price, P. C. Wike and D. M. Moser—for the amounts appropriated for the benefit of each.

Early in July, I received a communication from Rev. J. I. Miller, Luray, Va., enclosing a letter of dismission from the Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia, and asking admission into this Synod. As neither the constitution nor the by-laws of Synod confer upon the President authority to admit ministers of other ecclesiastical bodies to membership, I transmit Rev. Miller's certificate to you, and recommend that his application be granted.

About the middle of July, I received a letter from the President of

the Evan. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, asking the co-operation of this Synod in the support of the Theological Seminary, located at Newberry, S. C. I transmit said letter to you, and recommend that you give it proper attention.

Several changes in pastoral relations have been made, of which I received no official notice. Rev. R. A. Yoder informed me that he had accepted a call, to supply the congregations made vacant by the death of Rev. A. J. Fox, until the end of the present year.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim also informed me that he had accepted calls from Sharon and St. Martin's churches, in Iredell county, N. C.

In the event that the proposed amendment to the constitution and by-laws of the Synod shall be approved, I recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare the amended constitution and by-laws for the press, and that they be published, either with the Minutes or in separate form.

I cannot too strongly urge upon the pastors and congregations the importance of giving greater attention to the first standing resolution of Synod, with a view to a better development of the resources of the Church.

"*Now the God of peace*, that brought us again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work; to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, the report was received and referred to the proper committee. An election was then held for officers. Rev. I. Conder and Silone Zirkle acting as tellers, the result was

REV. PROF. C. H. BERNHEIM,	President.
" I. CONDER,	Secretary.
" A. L. CROUSE,	Cor. Secretary.
" J. N. STIREWALT,	Treasurer.
" PROF. J. C. MOSER,	Treas. Ben. Fund.
" S. HENKEL,	Ass't Treas. Ben. Fund.

Papers for Synod were called for and placed in the hands of proper committees.

The following committees were appointed:

1. ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Revs. S. Henkel, J. P. Stirewalt, and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

2. ON STATE OF THE CHURCH—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. K. Efird, A. L. Crouse.

3. ON EXAMINATION—Revs. A. L. Crouse, P. C. Henkel, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird.

4. ON ORDINATION—Revs. S. Henkel, P. C. Henkel, and M. L. Fox.

5. ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS—Rev. A. L. Crouse, and Messrs. P. C. Wike and Silone Zirkle.

6. ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Revs. I. Conder, J. N. Stirewalt, and Mr. E. O. Henkel.

7. ON MISSIONS—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. W. Hausenfluck, and Capt. Geo. Arehart.

8. ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS—Revs. A. L. Crouse, S. Henkel, and J. W. Hausenfluck.

9. ON TREASURER'S REPORT—Messrs. P. C. Wike and Philip Lohr.

10. COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE, AND ON THAT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY—Revs. A. L. Crouse, S. Henkel, and J. W. Hausenfluck.

Report of Committee on the Henkel Monuments.

As the only present member of this committee, I beg to report:

That, in reference to the work at the grave of Rev. Ambrose Henkel, I am collecting funds in Virginia, and hope soon to be able to erect a suitable monument to mark the resting place of that good man:

That, in regard to the work at the grave of Rev. Philip Henkel, in Randolph county, N. C., I have had some correspondence with a view to obtain help from his descendants, but have failed to receive any encouragement. I ask to be discharged from further consideration of this part of the duty of the committee, and suggest that a committee be appointed in the State of North Carolina, charged with the prosecution of this commendable work. A. L. CROUSE.

On motion, Rev. A. L. Crouse was relieved from further duty in North Carolina, and Rev. J. M. Smith was appointed to operate in that State in the interest of Rev. Philip Henkel in place of Rev. A. J. Fox, deceased.

The following report was read, received, and adopted:

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

This report has been written and signed by only one member of the committee, but the other members have furnished valuable assistance.

We think that the expressed hope of the committee last year, "for better things in the near future," has been so far realized, that we have great cause to thank God. The beautiful side of the picture beams with increased brightness. Behold, some old things, which vexed the Lord's people, have passed away, and some have become new. At the same time, some old things, which had been neglected, appear in their proper places. There is, if possible, a more sacred regard for the things that mark a distinctive type of pure Lutheranism. And, although far removed from each other, the pastors have increased in their common defense and support of the Confessions of the Church.

The work of building houses of worship, parsonages, and school buildings, has been prosecuted with commendable zeal. In some places it has been unprecedented. With this progress in substantial things, there is unmistakable evidence of increased love and zeal in spiritual things.—Very little has been done in the way of organizing new congregations, but the old ones have been strengthened.

The cause of education receives still greater interest. Our college and high schools are better patronized, and many elementary schools are subject to the guidance of our pastors and laymen. In places there are movements to re-establish parochial schools, which our people lost in their transition from the German to the English language.

Sunday-school work and catechisation by the pastors have been performed in nearly or quite all the congregations, albeit with various degrees of industry and success. Sometimes one is carried on too much to the exclusion or neglect of the other.

In general benevolence, many of our people have made praiseworthy progress. There have been increased contributions toward beneficiary education, missions, and Concordia College. It would be gratifying, if we could say this much for all.

Things that ought not so to be are:

1. Insufficiency and inefficiency of all the pastors.

2. Lack of sufficient support of the pastor by the charge. With the present arrangement, most of the pastors devote too much time to secular pursuits to be able to attend to their spiritual work as Shepherds of the flock of God.

3. Scarcity of willing, earnest, persevering laborers in the Sunday-schools.

4. Want of interest in the edifying literature of the Church, by the mass of our people. The Minutes of our Synod, our Lutheran books, pamphlets and periodical papers, receive too little attention. In a few congregations, the Church Book has not yet been introduced, whilst the devotions and growth of the people in divine things are hindered by the want of suitable books to use in their public worship.

5. Among many of our people, the want of a proper estimate of the nature and value of public and family worship, the preached Word of God, the Christian training of their children, the proper use of the Lord's Day, also the indulgence, by some, in vices, such as profanity, intemperance, superstitious practices, etc.

6. Proper church discipline, the want of which has wrought great damage to the churches in past years, has not yet been restored.

We cannot close without one local mention. In Alabama a pastor has been secured, a parsonage and school-house built on the church land, and both congregation and school are doing well. A. L. CROUSE.

Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer with Rev. A. L. Crouse.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by Rev. M. L. Little.—Minutes of Saturday were read, received, and adopted. Prof. J. D. Dreher, Ph. D., of Roanoke College, Va., and Rev. J. I. Miller, of Luray, Page county, Va., were invited to seats as advisory members.

The treasurer's report was received and referred to proper committee.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your committee on unfinished business, beg to submit the following:

(1) On page 10, we find that a committee, composed of Revs. J. C. Moser and J. M. Smith, was appointed to prepare an ordination certificate. Has that duty been discharged?

(2) With regard to the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, as adopted at the last session of Synod, we would respectfully inquire, whether the said amendments have been duly accepted and ratified by all the congregations, to which they were submitted?

(3) On page 23, we find a recommendation on the part of the Committee on Districting the Synod, that the matter be referred to the sev-

eral conferences composing this Synod. We would ask, Has that recommendation been complied with?

(4) On page 28, we find that a committee was appointed, at the last session of Synod, to confer with similar committees from other Lutheran bodies in the South, with a view of appointing a time and place for the convention of a Diet, looking to the unification of all Lutherans in the South. Has that committee any report to make?

(5) On page 27, we find a resolution that Henkel & Co., Publishers, New Market, Va., be requested to furnish circulars to the ministers, composing this Synod, as well as to other Synods, indicating whether they would furnish a new, revised edition of the Book of Concord, as a memorial of the 400th anniversary of Luther's birth, and the probable cost, and whether subscribers would be necessary to secure such publication. Has this resolution been complied with?

(6) On the same page, we find that brother T. E. Armentrout was directed to pursue his studies under the direction of Dr. S. Henkel. Has he done so?

(7) On page 19, we find a motion, that the treasurer was instructed to hunt up a blank book for preserving the clerical and congregational rolls. What about it?

(8) On pages 25 and 26, we find a request of Synod, that every minister in its connection arrange to hold a Luther Festival, in every congregation in his charge, commemorative of the 400th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther. Was this done?

Respectfully submitted.

I. CONDER,
J. N. STIREWALT,
ELON O. HENKEL.

Item 1. Nothing done. The Committee was discharged and another appointed, consisting of Revs. M. L. Little and S. Henkel, D. D.

Item 2. Referred to a Committee composed of Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. P. Stirewalt, and Silone Zirkle.

Item 2. Complied with.

Item 4. Committee continued

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod be authorized to pay out of the treasury the expenses of the delegation to the diet, to be held on the 12th of November, 1884, in the town of Salisbury, N. C., and that each pastor in connection with the Tennessee Synod take up collections in each of his congregations in order to replace in the treasury the amount used for this purpose.

Items 5 and 6. Postponed.

Item 7. Complied with.

Item 8. Partially complied with.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Whitmore, a minister of the Reformed Church of the United States, was invited to a seat with us.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report and Assistant Treasurer's of Beneficiary Fund.

We, your Committee on Treasurer's Reports, state that we find the reports of both Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds to be correct.

Balance in the hands of Treasurer,	$ 34.23
" " " Assistant Treasurer,	115.64
Total,	$149.87

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. WIKE,
PHILIP LOHR.

Also we state as Committee on the report of Treasurer of Synod, that we have examined his report and find it correct.

Balance in the hands of the treasurer of Synod.....$72.19

P. C. WIKE,
PHILIP LOHR.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, would respectfully report the following:

No. 1 is a petition from St. John's congregation, Rockingham Co., Va., in which the petitioners pray for admission into this body. We recommend that said congregation be received.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser, in which he states that he cannot attend this meeting of Synod on account of his duties as a member of the Faculty of Concordia College. He, therefore, asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D., stating that on account of sickness in family connection, he cannot attend this meeting of Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. R. A. Yoder in which he states that on account of press of labor and great distance to Synod, he cannot attend. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, in which he expresses his inability to be present at this meeting for want of funds. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson, in which he asks to be excused for absence and gives his reason, want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 7 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, in which he asks to be excused from this meeting of Synod. He gives as a reason, want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Koiner, asking to be excused for his absence on account of the health of his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, in which he assigns his excuse for absence, the feeble state of his health. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Synod, in which he conveys the fraternal greetings of that Synod to ours, and refers to page 9 of their minutes, in which it is regretted that neither delegate nor letter was received from our Synod at their last convention.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. E. L. Lybrand, asking Synod to excuse him. He gives as his excuse, press of business and want of means.—We recommend that he be excused.

A. L. CROUSE,
P. C. WIKE,
SILONE ZIRKLE.

Item 1. Recommendation of Committee complied with.

Items 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12. Revs. Profs. J. C. Moser, L. A. Fox, J. R. Peterson, D. A. Sox, J. S. Koiner, T. Moser, and E. L. Lybrand, were excused for non-attendance.

Items 4 and 7. Revs. R. A. Yoder and J. M. Smith were not excused.

Item 8. Pending discussion on organizing the Tennessee Synod into three district Synods, it adjourned for refreshments and divine service. Benediction by Rev. I. Conder.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order and roll called. The further consideration of item 8 was postponed until to-morrow.

Items 9, 10, and 12. Revs. J. S. Koiner, T. Moser, and E. L. Lybrand were excused. Rev. Kuegele was invited to a seat with us.

The Assistant Treasurer's report was placed in the hands of committee on Treasurer's report.

The Committee on the President's Report made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We the committee, to whom the President's report was referred, beg leave to submit the following:

(1) The first recommendation requiring attention is in regard to the application of Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, of Luray, Page Co., Va., to become a member of our Synod, and suggests that the application be granted.

Relative to this matter, your committee suggest, that the application be referred to the committee on applications.

(2) In the second place, he recommends, that Synod give proper attention to a request on the part of the President of South Carolina Synod, that our Synod co-operate in supporting a Theological Seminary, located at Newberry, South Carolina.

In regard to this matter, we would remark, that whilst we feel the great need of such an institution located at some suitable place in the South, and that we feel the importance of giving such institution a liberal support, we deem it inopportune to take decisive action in regard to this matter at this time, in view of pending events.

(3) In the third place, he recommends, that a committee be appointed, if the proposed amendments to our Constitution and By-laws be adopted by Synod, to prepare the amended Constitution and By-laws for the press, and that they be published in the Minutes or in a separate form.

With respect to this matter, we recommend, that the committee be appointed, and that the Constitution and By-laws be printed in the Minutes, and that 200 copies besides be bound separately, for the use of the ministers and each church, or congregation, and that the Secretary be that committee.

(4) Again, he recommends, that a committee be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in regard to the death of Rev. A. J. Fox.

We suggest that said committee be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
J. P. STIREWALT.

Item 1. The committee suggests that the application be referred to the committee on applications.

Item 2. Recommendation of committee sustained.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. K. Efird, and Maj. H. A. Meetze, were appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. A J. Fox.

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

St. Peter's (Meetze's) Church, Lexington county, South Carolina—on Saturday before the first Sunday of November, 1885.

Mr. Wm. J. Shenk was excused from further attendance during this meeting of Synod.

Synod now adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer with Rev. M. L. Fox.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., Sept. 30th.

Synod met. Divine services were conducted by Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller. The roll was called, and the proceedings of yesterday read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Examination was received and considered by items:

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your committee on examination, beg to submit that—

1. We have had a conference with Rev. H. Wetzel and Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, on doctrinal subjects, and, as far as we have had time to examine them, find that they subscribe the doctrines and confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and we recommend that they be received as members of this body, and their names be placed upon the clerical roll.

2. We have also considered a letter from Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D.

We recommend that, as it is the custom of this Synod to examine applicants for membership in this Synod, the committee on examination in N. C., examine the said Dr. Bikle, and if the result prove satisfactory, they report the fact to the President, and that he order his name to be enrolled as a minister of this Synod.

3. We have also had a conference with Mr. D. I. Offman, and recommend that he be received as a student. Also the name of Mr. John Q. Lippard, of N. C., has been handed to us. We refer him to the members of our committee in North Carolina.

4. We recommend that the following appropriations be made, if Synod can do so: D. I. Offman, $40; P. C. Wike, $120; W. L. Darr, $75; W. A. Boyte, $100: J. P. Price, $80: N. G. Deal, $60: D. M. Moser, $60.

P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. N. STIREWALT,
J. K. EFIRD.

Item 1. Recommendation of committee sustained.

Item 2. Amended and adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Further action on this report was postponed.

Resolved, That hereafter the arrangement of the usual Committees shall appear in the Minutes in the following order:

No. 1. On President's Report: No. 2. On the State of the Church: No. 3. On Examination; No. 4. On Ordination: No. 5. On Letters and Petitions; No. 6. On Unfinished Business: No. 7. On Missions: No. 8. On Church Institutions; No. 9. On Treasurers' Reports.

Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller was excused, after morning service, from further attendance on this meeting.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business resumed.

Item 5. The publication of the Book of Concord partially complied with. The same committee was continued.

Item 6. Complied with as far as the health of Mr. T. E. Armentrout would permit.

The 8th item of Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions resumed. Pending this animated discussion, Synod adjourned until after divine services.

Benediction by Rev. H. Wetzel.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and, after the calling of the roll, the discussion of the 8th item was continued with increased animation. It was finally re-committed to report to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That the following be adopted and properly numbered and placed among our By-laws:

This Synod shall neither invite nor receive advisory members from any other organization, than that of the Lutheran Church, nor ask such to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Rev. A. L. Crouse was appointed to assist the Secretary, in arranging and collating the Revised Constitution and By-laws for the press.

Your committee, appointed to report upon the votes of the congregations upon the amendments of the Constitution of Synod, submit that we find that sixty of our congregations, which are a majority, have adopted all of the amendments proposed, and one adopted all except the one which amends the old two-thirds majority rule in voting upon the question of the ordination of a candidate.

We recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution, By-laws, and Rules of Order, as now amended, be and they are hereby declared to be of full force and effect: that they be placed in our book containing clerical and congregational rolls.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
SILONE ZIRKLE.

Report of Committee on Examination concluded.

Item 5. Recommendation of committee complied with.

The sum of $40 was appropriated to Mr. D. I. Offman.

Synod adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock. Oct. 1st, 1884.

Divine services were conducted by Rev. M. L. Fox.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions on item No. 8, made the following report, which was adopted:

No. 8 is a copy of preamble and resolutions, adopted by the North Carolina Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, at its recent meeting held in St. James Church, Catawba county, N. C., urging Synod to resolve herself into three district Synods, and that these form a joint Synod.

We recommend the following:

WHEREAS, This Synod, at its convention in October, 1883, took the following action, to-wit:

"WHEREAS, The committee on letters and petitions recommend, that

the three State Conferences, composing the E. L. Tenn. Synod, be resolved into three Synods, confined by State lines; second, that the E. L. Tenn. Synod, in order to perpetuate her history, &c., be denominated the Joint Tenn. Synod, and meet in triennial conventions on middle ground, composed of the above named three district Synods, and such other Synods as may desire to unite with us, for the purpose of transacting and having the superintendence of the general church work of said Joint Synod; we your committee respectfully recommend, that this matter be referred to these Conferences for consideration, indicating their wishes." And

WHEREAS, A majority of the congregations have not taken decisive action in regard to the districting of the E. L. Tenn. Synod and the formation of a joint union, and

WHEREAS, Under the Constitution of this Synod, such change cannot be effected except by the consent of a majority of all the congregations, therefore,

Resolved, That the ministers in connection with this Synod be required to submit the question of districting and joint union to their respective congregations, and report the result to the next meeting of Synod, where and when further action may be taken, if deemed necessary.

The following reports on the moral and financial condition of Concordia College were received and adopted:

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, CONOVER, N. C.

It is made my duty, as President of the Board of Trustees to report annually to Synod the financial condition of this school, and it affords me pleasure to say, that we have property at Conover in valuation not less than $6,000.00, but am sorry to report, that there is a debt of not less than $550.00 resting on it yet, and that much is still needed to furnish the school with needful apparatus, &c.

D. D. SEITZ, PRESIDENT.

J. M. SMITH,
SEC. OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

SEPT. 3, 1884.

Report of the President of Concordia College, Located at Conover. Catawba County, N. C.

CONOVER, CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.,
Sept. 24, 1884.

It is made our duty by resolution of the Ev. Luth. Tenn. Synod, annually to report to Synod the moral and literary condition of this school.

We are happy to be able to state, that its condition in both these respects is good and highly commendable, and that the School is in a prosperous condition, with encouraging prospects for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL, PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY.

J. M. SMITH, SECRETARY.

Report of Committee on Reports of Concordia College, Conover, North Carolina.

Having examined the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, as well as that of the President of the Faculty, we take pleasure in being able to state, that the financial condition of this School is in as favorable a condition as could be expected, in view of the circumstances,—the debt unprovided for being only about $550.00; and that the moral and literary condition of the School is commendable and praiseworthy, and the prospects for the future, encouraging.

In regard to the indebtedness, we would suggest that the financial agent make an effort to raise an amount sufficient to liquidate the debt, and to secure a more desirable outfit for the institution, and that our ministers and congregations give him such aid and encouragement as deemed proper for the accomplishment of such object.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
S. HENKEL,
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK.

Resolved, That this Synod is gratified to learn of the increased usefulness of the High School, at Dallas, N. C., under the control and direction of Rev. M. L. Little, as Principal, and are satisfied that it deserves the confidence and support of our people.

Revs. J. M. Cromer and D. A. Goodman were excused for non-attendance, and W. P. Cline not excused.

Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President.

WEDNESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Synod convened, the roll was called, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That articles twelve, thirteen, and fourteen of our beneficiary regulations be and they are hereby repealed.

NOTE.—Some time after the list of candidates for the ministry was printed off, we learned that Mr. L. L. Lohr, of Gaston co., N. C., is pursuing a course of studies in Gaston High School, with a view to the ministry. Hence this note.—[PUBLISHERS.]

Resolved, That our Beneficiary Regulations and all subsequent action thereupon, be placed in the hands of the Committee, on the collation and publishing of the Constitution, Rules, and By-Laws, for the same purpose of collation and publishing.

The following persons were elected Trustees of Conover College: Rev. A. L. Crouse and Hon. A. Coiner, of Virginia; Rev. R. A. Yoder, of North Carolina; Maj. H. A. Meetze and Mr. D. H. Wheeler, of South Carolina.

Revs. T. Moser, M. L. Fox, and J. K. Efird were chosen to visit, during the present Synodical year, Conover College, and report the condition and prosperity of the School, at the next meeting of our Synod.

IN MEMORY OF

REV. A. J. FOX.

WHEREAS, Our Lord God has again wisely chastened us by the removal from our midst of REV. ALFRED J. FOX, and reminded us of his over-ruling providence in calling his servant from his labors here to his rest in heaven—

Resolved, That in the death of Father Fox, we recognize the loss of a noble and successful servant in the Master's earthly work; an earnest, zealous co-laborer and a warm-hearted friend and brother.

Resolved, That we bow, humbly, to the call of Him who never errs and only wounds to heal.

Resolved, That our sympathies are extended to the bereaved widow and family, and that, while we mourn with them, we cherish upon the altar of his memory fond recollections of his virtues.

Resolved, That this feeble tribute be placed upon a separate page of our Minutes, one copy sent to the widow of our brother, and one be published in OUR CHURCH PAPER.

A. L. CROUSE,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
J. K. EFIRD.

The following vote of thanks was passed:

Resolved, That the President of this body, in the name of the Synod, return thanks to the people in the neighborhood of St. Mary's (Pine) Church, for their kind and hospitable treatment during its meeting.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each general body of Lutherans in this country, one copy; and the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence, one copy each; our institutions of learning, one copy each; our Lutheran publications, two copies each; and our beneficiaries and applicants, one copy each.

Report of committee on examination concluded.

Item 5. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and the following appropriations made for our beneficiaries:

Mr. P. C. Wike, $120; Mr. W. L. Darr, $75; Mr. W. A. Boyte, $100; Mr. J. P. Price, $80; Mr. N. G. Deal, $60; Mr. D. M. Moser, $60.

Resolved, That the action of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, in calling Revs. C. H. Bernheim and J. S. Koiner to professorships in said college, meets with the cordial approval of this Synod.

The following corresponding delegates were appointed:

To Virginia Synod:—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

To Holston Synod:—Rev. P. C. Henkel.

To N. C. Synod:—Rev. R. A. Yoder.

To S. C. Synod:—Rev. J. K. Efird.

Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place designated, and was closed in due form by the President.

I. CONDER, SECRETARY.

Treasurer's Report.

STONY MAN, PAGE CO., VA.,
September 26, 1884.

J. N. STIREWALT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN TENN. SYNOD.

1883.		DR.
Oct. 17,	To amount from former Treasurer	$46 20
	To amount paid in for minutes	63 30
	To amount for advertisements	16 00
	To balance due Synod in the hands of Henkel & Co.,	28 28
Oct. 26, 1884,	To am't due Synod in hands of Henkel & Co.	88
	Total amount	$154 66

1883.		CR.	
Dec. 18,	By amount paid Henkel & Co., for printing, mailing, and expressing 1500 copies Tenn. Synod Minutes	$81 27	
		$73 39	
1884.			
Sept. 26,	By amount paid Rev. A. L. Crouse for blank book for Secretary according to action of Synod on page 19	$1 20	
	Balance in hands of Treasurer		$72 19

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

J. C. MOSER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1883.		DR.
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. T. Moser, former Treasurer as per his report to last session of Synod	$ 64
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. S. Koiner's charge— Bethlehem $6.00; St. Thomas, $2.00; St. Jacob's, $3.00	11 00
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge— Mt. Nebo, $4.02; Morning Star, $3.00	7 02

Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge— St. Peter's, $4.30; Emmanuel's, $4.00.....	$8 30
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge— Lutheran Chapel, $7.20; Christ's, $10.75; Sharon, $5.00; Morning Star, $4.50; Emmanuel, $3.40.....	30 85
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. T. Moser's charge—St. Martin's, $3.50...	3 50
" "	To cash from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge— St. Stephen's, $10.35; Salem, $7.25; Friendship, $6.00; St. Peter's, $3.50.....	27 10
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge— Philadelphia, $7.05.....	7 05
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge—St. Paul's, $4.00..	4 00
" " " "	R. A. Yoder's charge—St. James, $10.18.	10 18
" 18, " "	S. Henkel, Ass't. Treas. as per his report to last session of Synod	30 30
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge— Bethlehem, $12.20	12 20
Nov. 20,	To cash from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge— Cedar Grove, $5.20; St. Peter's, $5.00; St. John's, $4.00	14 20
Dec. 20,	To cash from Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge— Zion, $8.00; St. Paul's, $4.70; St. James, $4.40..	17 10
Dec. 21,	To cash from H. A. Davis.....	3 50
1884.		
Jan. 5,	To cash from Haley Myers.....	10 00
" " " "	Jacob Byerly.....	5 00
Feb. 26, " "	Peter A. Keply.....	5 00
Mar. 29, " "	M. L. Barringer.....	5 00
" " " "	James T. Miller.....	5 00
" "	Rev. J. C. Moser's charge— Concordia, $11.00; Sharon, $9.50; St. Martin's, $5.00 Newton, $5.00; Zion, $8.48.....	38 98
Mar. 31,	To cash from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge—.....	11 00
April 19, " "	Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge— St. Peter's, $6.55; Emmanuel, $2.50.....	9 05
May 3,	To cash from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge— Frienship, $11.79; Salem, $4.08; St. Stephen's, $6.33; St. Peter's, $3.35.....	25 55
May 26,	To cash from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge—Bethlehem....	5 50
June 8, " " "	A. J. Fox's charge—St. Matthew's	7 16
July 5, " " "	T. Moser's charge—Lutheran Union...	3 00
" 28, " " "	D. A. Goodman's charge—Zion.....	7 05
Aug. 18, " " "	S. Henkel, Asst. Treasurer.....	50 00
" 31, " " "	R. A. Yoder's charge—St. James.....	10 00
		$384.23

1883.			Cr.
Nov. 15,	By cash to	P. C. Wike	$50 00
" 16,	" "	W. A. Boyte	25 00
1884.			
Jan. 5,	By cash to	Wm. L. Darr	45 00
" 8,	" "	W. A. Boyte	25 00
" 19,	" "	J. P. Price	40 00
" 29,	" "	D. M. Moser	25 00
April 19,	" "	W. A. Boyte	25 00
May 19,	" "	P. C. Wike	25 00
" 23,	" "	J. P. Price	25 00
July 14,	" "	J. P. Price	10 00
Aug. 9,	" "	P. C. Wike	25 00
Sept. 13,	" "	Wm. L. Darr	30 00
			$350 00
Sept. 20,	By Balance on hand subject to order of Synod		$34 23
			$384 23

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,

Treas. of Ben. Fund of Evang. Lutheran Tenn. Synod.

Report of Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

To balance in my hand at settlement made at Synod, Oct. 8, 1883.			$30 30
1883.			
Nov.,	To cash from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge		10 00
Dec. 18,	To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge		4 64
1884.			
Apr. 29,	To amount from Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel		1 00
May 27.	To check, a bequeathment made, by Mrs. Martha S. Rhodes, nee Baker, through her executor, Mr. George W. Miley		$150 00
			$195 94
Oct. 10.	Credit by amount paid over to Rev. J. C. Moser, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund	$30 30	
1884, Aug. 19.	Credit by amount paid same	50 00	80 30
		$80 30	
	Balance in my hands		$115 64

S. HENKEL, Asst. Treas.

MINISTERS.	Ent'd Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants	Souls.	Adult Baptisms	Inf't Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sundy Schools	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Cur. Expenses.	Other Objects.
Rev. P. C. Henkel	1843	4	760	1500	...	77	56	...	20	...	3	6	...	...	$3.40	$25.36	$250.00	...
" J. R. Peterson	1843	4	178	368	1	12	14	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	5.00	27.50	250.00	...
" T. Moser	1844	3	150	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	2.50	11.35	...	...
" S. Henkel	1850	2	246	480	2	23	7	3	17	...	1	8	50	...	3.50	15.55	430.00	$ 150.00
" C. H. Bernheim	1855	2	207	...	...	28	38	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2.60	...	300.00	...
" J. M. Smith	1856	2	175	...	...	31	20	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	2.00	5.75	142.00	...
" I. Conder	1861	4	125	182	2	1	6	...	5	...	3	15	65	...	1.00	12.31	300.00	...
" J. N. Stirewalt	1871	5	413	713	1	22	14	...	11	...	5	32	233	...	3.60	8.08	...	100.00
" M. L. Fox, M. D.	1871	3	120	250	...	8	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1.10	4.50	100.00	...
" A. L. Crouse	1871	1	71	127	1	3	...	3	1	...	1	14	98	...	...	5.50	350.00	17.00
" J. P. Stirewalt	1873	5	700	1100	3	48	15	4	16	...	3	18	175	4	8.40	42.34	500.00	100.00
" M. L. Little	1873	4	350	...	...	52	32	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	4.50	...	400.00	2000.00
" J. I. Miller	1859	1	47	...	1	...	6	1	...	...	1	7	65	...	1.50	12.00	200.00	3500.00
" J. C. Moser	1873	5	440	855	1	48	12	48	13	...	3	18	225	...	5.50	40.00	500.00	3000.00
" J. W. Hausenfluck	1876	5	254	...	11	12	14	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. K. Efird	1877	2	400	...	...	41	3	10	22	...	2	8	140	10	2.05	...	300.00	...
" J. A. Cromer	1877	3	195	310	...	15	2	2	3	...	3	18	112	...	2.30	18.00	180.00	60.00
" E. L. Lybrand	1877	4	475	918	2	33	18	11	5	...	4	20	275	...	...	20.00	300.00	...
" R. A. Yoder	1878	3	375	...	1	13	5	...	5	...	3	26	250	...	4.20	10.00	500.00	1000.00
" J. S. Koiner	1881	3	329	679	...	23	25	7	5	...	3	20	147	7	1.50	12.00	505.00	60.00
" W. P. Cline	1881	4	352	668	7	25	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	2.80	...	300.00	750.00
" D. A. Goodman	1882	3	117	246	3	16	2	6	2	...	1	2	86	...	1.80	7.05	400.00	50.00
" D. J. Settlemyre	1883	5	280	488	1	18	19	3	4	...	1	5	75	...	...	...	...	...
" D. A. Sox	1883	1	46	97	...	15	...	3	3	...	1	4	61	...	1.50	...	...	...
" J. A. Rudisill	1883	6	850	1450	6	72	70	2	10	...	2	14	150	...	4.00	...	300.00	800.00
" *L. A. Bikle	1859	2	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.00	...	...	...
†Four Churches	...	...	280	570	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Received after adjournment of Synod, as a member of Synod.

†Partially served by Revs. Socrates Henkel and J. P. Stirewalt.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

SATURDAY.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, Luke 16.

SUNDAY.

In the Church, 10½, A. M.—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, John 1, 29.

In the Grove, 10½, A. M.—Rev. I. Conder, Rom. 10, 13.

Confession and Absolution were conducted by the Pastor Loci and the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered to a large number of communicants.

In Grace Reformed Church, 6½, P. M.—Rev. J. K. Efird, John 20, 29.

In Forestville, 6½, P. M.—Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Ps. 118, 8.

In New Market—Rev. M. L. Fox, M. D.

MONDAY, 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., Acts 2, 39.

TUESDAY, 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Rev. M. L. Little, Eph. 2, 8.

In Forestville, 6½, P. M.—Rev. J. K. Efird, Matt. 6, 6.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted: but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD,

(AS REVISED IN 1883.)

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Synod shall be THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The Holy Scriptures, the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments, shall be the only rule and standard of doctrine and church discipline.

SEC. 2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, in regard to matters of faith and practice, this Synod receives the three Ancient Symbols: the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian creeds; and the unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith. It receives also the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz.: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord—as true Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. This Synod is an association of congregations. Its conventions shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers in their connection, and their lay-delegates.

SEC. 2. Each one of these congregations shall have the right to appoint one such delegate, who shall have equal rights and privileges with the ministers transacting the business of Synod.

SEC. 3. Every minister desiring to be received into connection with this Synod, shall, on his reception, be required to subscribe this Constitution.

SEC. 4. No minister, in connection with this Synod, shall be allowed to teach any thing, nor shall Synod transact any business contray to the confessional basis as set forth in Article II.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, to recommend orthodox liturgies, hymn books, catechisms, parochial and Sunday-school books, to engage in missionary work—domestic and foreign, to aid indigent young men in preparing for the work of the ministry, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practices, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and, finding them guilty, to suspend or expel from Synod such as are deemed unworthy to bear the office, and advise their pastorates to sever their official relations with them.

SEC. 2. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and, after due approval, appoint one or more pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry, by the laying on of hands and prayer.

SEC. 3. Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year, during which time all candidates for the ministerial office shall be taken on trial.

SEC. 4. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations in its connection, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. A majority of all votes cast will be required to constitute an election to any office. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon the same in other public bodies, or as may be made obligatory upon them from time to time by Synod. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session, annually, and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI.

Synod shall meet from time to time upon its own adjournments. Extra sessions may be called by the President, when requested for good and sufficient reasons, to do so, by two ministers and two lay-men in its connection.

ARTICLE VII.

Synod may at any regular meeting, by a concurrence of two-thirds

of all the members present, make such regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

If any thing contained in these articles should hereafter be deemed contrary to the Confessional Basis of this Synod, oppressive, or inexpedient, it may be altered or amended. But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless a proposition for alteration or amendment shall have been laid before one of the sessions of Synod, in writing, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members voting. The proposition thus agreed to, shall then be laid, in due form, by the Synod in its Minutes before the congregations in its connection, for ratification or rejection by them; and the ministers or vestries of these congregations shall, at some suitable time, before the next succeeding sessions of Synod, take the vote of these congregations, on the Constitution as amended, allowing the members to vote for its ratification or rejection and send a statement of the vote to that session of Synod. If, then, it shall be ascertained by Synod that a majority of these congregations have voted in favor of ratification, the amendment shall become and be declared by Synod on the face of its Minutes a valid part of said Constitution, and the parts thereof repugnant to such alteration, void.

RULES OF ORDER AND BY-LAWS.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1.—At the time and place appointed for meeting, if three ordained ministers and three lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 2.—The first session shall be opened by the President with suitable religious exercises; and, in the absence of the President, by the Secretary; and, in the absence of both, by one of the older ministers present. And every succeeding session shall be opened and closed with prayer, after which, in opening, the roll shall be called and, if the first session of the day, the minutes of the preceding day read, amended, if necessary, and approved.

Rule 3.—The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of

election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

RULE 4.—The President shall read his Annual Report as the last official act of his term, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election shall then be held.

RULE 5.—Delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies may be admitted, and advisory members may be received.

RULE 6.—The minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; all papers intended for Synod shall be handed in; and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before Synod.

RULE 7.—If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, the President may appoint a committee to class and number them according to their contents; if, however, the number be small, the President shall arrange them and place them in the hands of the committees to which they appropriately belong. The President shall appoint the following

COMMITTEES:

1. On President's Report.
2. On the State of the Church.
3. On Examination.
4. On Ordination.
5. On Letters and Petitions.
6. On Unfinished Business.
7. On Missions.
8. On Church Institutions.
9. On Treasurer's Reports.

The President may appoint as many special committees as may be necessary.

RULE 8.—The vacant congregations shall be inquired after, and provisions shall be made for them.

RULE 9.—The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals be occupied by the items of promiscuous business.

RULE 10.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

RULE 11.—Whenever any member shall be called to order by the President he shall sit down, and, also, when called to order by any member, unless the President decide in his favor.

By leave of Synod a member called to order may clear a matter of fact or explain, but shall not proceed in debate so long as the decision is against him but by permission of the House. Any member may appeal from the decision of the President, and, if, upon the appeal the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed; if

otherwise, he shall not, except by leave of the House; and if, in the judgment of the House, the case requires, he shall be liable to censure.

RULE 12.—When two or more members rise at the same time the President shall name the member to speak.

RULE 13.—Whilst the President is putting a question to or addressing the House no member shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when any member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand or pass between him and the Chair.

RULE 14.—Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House shall for special reasons excuse him.

RULE 15.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, if it be written, it shall be handed to the President and it shall be read aloud either by himself or some one whom he may designate.

RULE 16.—Every motion shall be written if the President or any two members desire it.

RULE 17.—After a motion is stated or read by the President it shall be deemed in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn or amended before a decision, except in case of a motion to reconsider, which motion shall be deemed and taken to be in possession of the House and shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the House.

RULE 18.—When a question is under discussion, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to amend.

RULE 19.—When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted upon again during the session.

RULE 20.—Any member may call for a division of the question when it shall admit of it, which shall be determined by the President.

RULE 21.—When a motion has once been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof, and no motion to reconsider shall be taken from the table except by a two-thirds vote.

RULE 22.—When the yeas and nays are called for on any question, it shall be on motion, and if seconded by one-fifth of the members present, the question shall be decided by yeas and nays.

RULE 23.—Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections carefully avoided.

RULE 24.—No member or officer shall absent himself from the house without leave, unless from sickness or inability.

RULE 25.—Any member may excuse himself at the time of his appointment, if he is a member of two standing committees.

RULE 26.—If any member shall necessarily be absent on any business

of the House when the vote is taken, he shall, on motion, upon entering the house be permitted to cast his vote.

RULE 27.—Each minister in connection with this Synod shall hand in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any other the Synod may at any time require.

RULE 28.—Election of delegates to ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod, shall be held.

RULE 29.—The time and place of holding the next session of Synod, shall be determined.

RULE 30.—Should any of the officers of Synod be absent, they shall send their reports with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. In case of the necessary absence of an officer during the sessions of Synod, he shall nominate a substitute *pro tempore.*

RULE 31.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the House is voting or some member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

RULE 32.—This Synod shall be dismissed by the President with appropriate religious service.

RULE 33.—Any of the foregoing rules may be altered or amended, at any regular session of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice at the previous session of Synod.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD.

SEC. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained ministers of this body; and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon; and in connection with the pastor *loci* and elders of the congregation in which the Synod convenes, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each the liberty to speak without interruption from others; and prevent the speaker from deviating from the subject before the House.

Sec. 3. The President at the commencement of every Synod shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, of the letters received by him, since the last regular meeting, and of all the important events that have occurred relating to Synod which may have come to his knowledge; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the interest of the Church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

Sec. 4. If any minister of this Synod removes into the bounds of any other Evan. Lutheran Synod, the President, upon his request, may grant him an honorable dismission to that Synod.

Sec. 5. The President, by substituting a chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject. When on any question the vote should be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote except when voting by ballot.

Sec. 6. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod, the senior minister shall himself succeed him or shall appoint some one to fill the chair.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of the duties of this office.

Sec. 2. He shall make a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers and documents unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of Synod. The Secretary shall attest with his official signature all certificates, all resolutions respecting ministers, delegates or churches, and the Minutes of Synod.

Sec. 3. If during the interval of the sessions of Synod the Secretary should become disqualified for his office or cease to be a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers of Synod which were in his hands and retain them, or shall appoint some one to discharge the duties of the office until the next meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE TREASURER.

Sec. 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys belonging to Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay money out of the Treasury.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer is to see to the printing of the Minutes, if the Synod orders their publication, and to distribute them to each of the minister's charges in proportion to the amount of money received by Synod from them for that purpose.

Sec. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life or become in any way disqualified for his office, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the characters of its members. No Minister on account of his office should be screened from the hands of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandalous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

Sec. 2. Should any member of the church know a minister to be guilty of a private offense, he shall reprove him according to Matt. 18, 15; and, if in the process, as required in this text, he be restored fully to the favor of his charge, or congregation, as to his membership and fitness to perform the functions of the ministry, the matter should rest here; but if his offense shall have been of such a serious character, in violating the principles of piety, rules of morality, or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our church, and the decisions of the congregation or charge shall not have been satisfactory to the Synod, Synod shall investigate the matter, and, if in her judgment, his offense has been such as to disqualify him to discharge the functions of the ministry, she shall sever his Synodical relation, and recommend the congregation or congregations to sever his pastoral or ministerial relations; and any congregation refusing to do so, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 3. In the event of an offense committed by a minister of this Synod, requiring the aid of Synod to adjust it satisfactorily, the member or members, acquainted with the facts in the case, shall immediately inform the President of Synod, who shall call, without delay, a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused. The president shall notify the parties of the call session, and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected, the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid, and impartial investigation, and dispose of it according to the evidence in the case.

Sec. 4. If a minister against whom serious charges are preferred, be

duly notified and he refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, his connection with Synod shall be severed, and his charge advised to sever his pastoral and ministerial relations.

ARTICLE V.

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS.

Sec. 1. Any person desiring to become a Minister in this body, shall make application to the Synod, when a committee of three shall be appointed to confer with him upon his motives in becoming a Minister, and ascertain as far as possible his character as regards morality and piety, and report the result to Synod; if it be favorable, he shall then be directed to place himself under the care of some member of this Synod (who may grant him when qualified license to preach and catechise *until the next annual session*); or to put himself under the tuition of some approved Theological Seminary.

In the interim of annual sessions, this application must be made to the President, who with another Minister shall examine him, and, if satisfied, direct him to the care of some Minister or approved Seminary.

Sec. 2. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the licensure of a candidate for the ministry he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be publicly licensed to the next annual session of Synod. The vote shall be taken by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to secure license.

Sec. 3. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the services of a candidate for the ministry, he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of pastor, according to Article IV. Sec. 3 of Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

Sec. 1. When any particular duty is assigned to any minister or ministers by resolution of Synod, or otherwise, it shall be their duty faithfully to comply with such requirements; but, should they fail to do so, they must render their excuse, if satisfactory, they shall be excused; if not, they shall be censured or otherwise dealt with as the nature of the case requires.

Sec. 2. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office. Cases of this kind, if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

SEC. 3. This Synod shall neither invite nor receive advisory members from any other organization, than that of the Lutheran Church; nor ask such to a seat within the bar of Synod.

SUMMIT RULE.

OF DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP OF SECRET SOCIETIES, ALTAR AND PULPIT FELLOWSHIP, &c.

As this Synod is invested only with advisory power; and as the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the Church, or that sets up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

3. With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of some be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation, designated in the Augsburg Confession, article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said. "Let a man examine himself," etc.; and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared, who has faith in these words," etc.

4. In regard to Chiliasm, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th article of the Augsburg Confession.

Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

ARTICLE I.—This Synod shall, from time to time, receive as many Beneficiaries, preparing for the Gospel Ministry, into her connection, as she can procure and collect funds to sustain.

ARTICLE II.—Every applicant for beneficiary aid from this Synod must be subjected to a rigid examination in regard to his Christian char-

acter, deportment, designs, talents, and advancements in Literary, or Theological attainments. No one can obtain beneficiary aid from this Synod, unless he is a member of some one of our congregations, in full communion with the same. His moral character and piety must be entirely above reproach, and his talents must, at least, reach mediocrity. He must unqualifiedly receive, and express a willingness to teach, all the doctrines of the entire collection of our Evangelical Lutheran Confessions. He must, at least, have attained to a sufficient amount of literary knowledge, to enable him to enter the Freshman class in regular Colleges. He must furnish satisfactory evidence that he has not, and cannot command, the necessary pecuniary means, to qualify him for the work of the Holy Ministry from his parents, or any other worldly source. Every application for Beneficiary aid shall be made to the President of the Synod, who, upon such application, shall appoint a committee to examine the applicant or applicants according to the requirements contained in the Synod's Regulations for Beneficiary Work, and it shall be the duty of this committee to examine and report the result of the examination to the President of the Synod, who shall, if approved by the committee, recommend such applicant or applicants to the favorable attention of Synod.

Article III.—Every minister educated by this Synod shall be held, in honor bound, to labor within the bounds of this Synod, as Pastor, for a term of not less than five years—unless he is excused by a resolution of this Synod, which he must ask for, and obtain before he is at liberty to make arrangements to go elsewhere. He may be excused upon the ground of refunding the money he has received with interest at 6 per cent. or upon any other ground satisfactory to this Synod.

Article IV.—This Synod should have full control of all her Beneficiaries, in regard to their studies, during the time they are receiving beneficiary aid from her. They must attend such schools as directed by Synod, only, and their studies must be approved by the Synod. They may prosecute their studies in either some college, school or Theological seminary, as per agreement with this Synod, and they must obtain from the President of such Institution, annually, a full report in regard to their conduct, capacity, and advancement in their studies, and forward the same to the President of this Synod, who shall submit it with his report, to the Synod for examination.

Article V.—Every minister in connection with this Synod is required to take up collections for beneficiary purposes, in each of his congregations, as often in each year as he may deem it expedient, and in whatever manner he and his council may think most prudent, and report the result of the same to the next annual convention of this Synod.

Article VI.—There shall be elected annually, by this Synod, a receiving and disbursing Agent, who shall discharge the duties of Treas-

urer, as described in the following Articles of these regulations; and hold his office until his successor shall be elected, or in case of his death, another shall be appointed by the President of Synod to fill the vacancy.

Article VII.—The President of this Synod shall recognize all the Beneficiaries received by this Synod, and shall give all orders upon the Treasurer in favor of Beneficiaries to whom appropriations have been made by the Synod. He shall keep a correct account of all orders given by him, and shall annually compare his account with the accounts kept by the Treasurer, and report the result of the same to the Synod. He must annually report to Synod all his other transactions including the number of Beneficiaries, their progress, prospects, and Christian deportment, and anything else he may deem interesting to the Synod. During the periods elapsing between the annual conventions of the Synod, all communications on the subject of beneficiary education, and all applications for aid, must be addressed to the President, and must be laid by him before the annual convention of the Synod.

Article VIII.—The Secretary of this Synod shall record the reports of the President and Treasurer, and in the event of the death or removal of the President, the Secretary shall discharge all the duties of the President in regard to beneficiary operations, until the next Synod shall fill the vacancy.

Article IX.—The Treasurer of the beneficiary funds shall keep a clear and correct account of all moneys, which shall come into his hands: and shall report the same to the annual conventions of the Synod, with all the disbursements he may make, during the previous Synodical year, accompanied with the proper vouchers for each disbursement. He must allow and pay all orders of the President out of the funds in his hands.

Article X.—All moneys collected from congregations, or otherwise, and donations for beneficiary purposes, shall be paid over to the Treasurer; for which he shall be required to give his official receipt, to the parties who may pay them over to him.

Article XI.—From every Beneficiary who receives any funds appropriated to him by this Synod, the Treasurer shall take suitable bonds, made payable to the Treasurer of the beneficiary funds of this Synod, for the full amount of all the funds he shall at any time have received, with interest at 6 per cent. If he, at any time afterwards, shall, without the consent of the Synod, either abandon his studies, or, after completing them, refuse to engage in the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ in connection with this Synod, during the time specified in Article III, or shall for any cause be expelled from this Synod, in either event, the obligation he has entered into for refunding the money he may have received shall immediately become due, and if he should refuse to pay the same, he shall by such refusal, make himself liable to public exposure.

ARTICLE XII.—These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any convention of this Synod. One day's notice is required to be given, with a written statement of the amendment asked for, by any one who may at any time desire any amendment.

ARTICLE XIII.—All rules and regulations heretofore adopted by this Synod, in regard to beneficiary education, are hereby rescinded from the adoption of these regulations.

Probationary Regulations.

To meet the requirements of the Constitution of Synod, that all candidates for the ministry be held in a state of probation for not less than one year, and to direct the studies of such students as pursue their studies under private instruction, the following regulations are adopted:

I. Every such candidate shall be placed under the care of some pastor in connection with this Synod, under whose direction such student shall pursue his studies not less than two years.

II. The pastor under whose care any student may be placed shall assign to such student any labor for which he may be found qualified.

III. Synod shall prescribe the course of study to be pursued by each student.

IV. The following text-books shall be used, viz.: Kurtz's Church and Sacred History, Horne's Introduction, Hutter's Compend, Knapp's Theology, Book of Concord, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Schmidt's Dogmatics, Mann's Schmidt's Christian Ethics, Vinet's Homiletics, Vinet's Pastoral Theology. Instruction shall also be given in Liturgics, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

V. There shall be a committee of examination, appointed at each annual meeting of Synod, before which every student shall be required to appear for examination at, or shortly before each convention of Synod. It shall be the duty of the committee of examination to report to Synod the progress made in his studies by each student.

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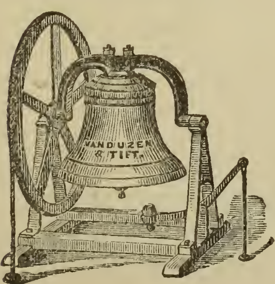

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Revs. P. C. HENKEL, D. D., J. K. EFIRD, and A. L. CROUSE.

On Examination:

Revs. P. C. HENKEL, D. D., A. L. CROUSE, J. N. STIREWALT, J. K. EFIRD.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Convention will be held in St. Peter's (Meetze's) Church, near Lexington, S. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1885.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ST. MARY'S (PINE) CHURCH,
September 27th, 1884.

The Evan. Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in its sixty-fourth annual convention in St. Mary's (Pine) Church, on Saturday, September 27th, 1884.

In the absence of the President, Rev. J. R. Peterson, Rev. A. L. Crouse preached the opening sermon from Luke 18. 10-14.

After recess the house was called to order. Divine service was conducted by Rev. A. L. Crouse, and the clerical roll was called.

Roll of Ministers.

	Names.	Residences.
1	Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D.	Conover, N. C.
2	" *J. R. Peterson,	Dallas, N. C.
3	" *T. Moser,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
4	" †D. Efird,	Lexington, S. C.
5	" S. Henkel, D. D.,	New Market, Va.
6	" C. H. Bernheim,	Conover, N. C.
7	" ‡J. M. Smith	Conover, N. C.
8	" I. Conder,	McGaheysville, Va.
9	" *L. A. Fox, D. D.,	Salem, Va.
10	" J. N. Stirewalt	Stony Man, Va.
11	" M. L. Fox, M. D.,	Sandy Creek, N. C.
12	" A. L. Crouse,	Waynesboro, Va.
13	" J. P. Stirewalt,	New Market, Va.

* Absent and excused. †Absent. ‡Absent and not excused.

	Names.	Residences.
14	Rev. M. L. Little,	Dallas, N. C.
15	" *J. C. Moser,	Conover, N. C.
16	" J. W. Hausenfluck,	Alma, Va.
17	" J. K. Efird,	Prosperity, S. C.
18	" *J. A. Cromer,	Columbia, S. C.
19	" *E. L. Lybrand,	Columbia, S. C.
20	" ‡R. A. Yoder,	Newton, N. C.
21	" *J. S. Koiner,	Spring Hill, S. C.
22	" *D. A. Goodman,	Happy Home, N. C.
23	" ‡W. P. Cline,	Fair Grove, N. C.
24	" *D. A. Sox,	Oak Level, Alabama.
25	" *D. J. Settlemyre,	China Grove, N. C.
26	" J. A. Rudisill,	Jug Town, N. C.
27	" ‖H. Wetzel,	Woodstock, Va.
28	" ‖J. I. Miller,	Luray, Va.

Candidates for the Ministry:

T. E. Armentrout,	Almondville, Va.
J. F. Moser,	Conover, N. C.
A. L. Sigman,	Conover, N. C.

Beneficiaries:

P. C. Wike,	Conover, N. C.
W. A. Boyte,	" "
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W. L. Darr,	" "
N. G. Deal,	" "
D. M. Moser,	" "
D. I. Offman,	New Market, Va.
J. Q. Lippard,	Statesville, N. C.

The following Lay-Delegates presented evidences of their election, and their names were enrolled:

Lay-Delegates.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Elon O. Henkel, Alternate Joseph Hupp,	Emmanuel, Va.
Geo. Lohr,	Mt. Zion, Va.
E. Bowman,	Zion, Va.
G. D. Dovel,	St. Peter, Va.
B. M. Switzer,	Bethany, Va.
Philip Lohr,	Mt. Nebo, Va.
David Golliday,	St. David, Va.

*Absent and excused. ‡Absent and not excused.
‖Received at this meeting.

Lay-Delegates—Continued.

Names.	Churches Represented.
Abraham Funkhouser,	Powder Spring, Va.
Geo. Sours,	Grace Church, Va.
Geo. Griffith,	Morning Star, Va.
Silone Zirkle,	St. Mary's, Va.
Paul Miller,	Solomon's, Va.
Geo. Arehart,	Rader, Va.
Fenton Miller,	St. Paul's, Va.
Abraham Dodson,	St. Jacob's, Va.
Wm. Schwartz,	St. Matthew's, Va.
A. Printz,	Alma, Va.
Wm. E. Miller,	St. Paul's, Augusta Co., Va.
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H. J. Good,	Cedar Point, Va.
Reuben Sommers,	Mt. Calvary, Va.
Peter Fansler,	St. John's Church, Va.
P. C. Wike,	St. James', Grace, Salem, N. C.
A. J. Moretz,	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

Maj. H. A. Meetze, Delegate for all South Carolina congregations.

The President's report was read, received, and referred:

President's Report.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, in Convention Assembled—

Dear Brethren: Through the kind providence of our Father in Heaven, we have passed through another synodical year, and, with a single exception, the ranks of our ministry remain unbroken. On the 10th day of last June, our lamented brother, Rev. A. J. Fox, departed this life. I recommend that a committee be appointed to report suitable resolutions to his memory.

During the early part of the year, I issued orders on the Treasurer of the beneficiary fund of synod in favor of beneficiaries—W. A. Boyte, Wm. L. Darr, J. P. Price, P. C. Wike and D. M. Moser—for the amounts appropriated for the benefit of each.

Early in July, I received a communication from Rev. J. I. Miller, Luray, Va., enclosing a letter of dismission from the Evang. Lutheran Synod of Virginia, and asking admission into this Synod. As neither the constitution nor the by-laws of Synod confer upon the President authority to admit ministers of other ecclesiastical bodies to membership, I transmit Rev. Miller's certificate to you, and recommend that his application be granted.

About the middle of July, I received a letter from the President of

the Evan. Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, asking the co-operation of this Synod in the support of the Theological Seminary, located at Newberry, S. C. I transmit said letter to you, and recommend that you give it proper attention.

Several changes in pastoral relations have been made, of which I received no official notice. Rev. R. A. Yoder informed me that he had accepted a call, to supply the congregations made vacant by the death of Rev. A. J. Fox, until the end of the present year.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim also informed me that he had accepted calls from Sharon and St. Martin's churches, in Iredell county, N. C.

In the event that the proposed amendment to the constitution and by-laws of the Synod shall be approved, I recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare the amended constitution and by-laws for the press, and that they be published, either with the Minutes or in separate form.

I cannot too strongly urge upon the pastors and congregations the importance of giving greater attention to the first standing resolution of Synod, with a view to a better development of the resources of the Church.

"*Now the God of peace*, that brought us again from the dead, our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work; to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

J. R. PETERSON.

On motion, the report was received and referred to the proper committee. An election was then held for officers, Rev. I. Conder and Silone Zirkle acting as tellers, the result was

REV. PROF. C. H. BERNHEIM.	President.
" I. CONDER,	Secretary.
" A. L. CROUSE,	Cor. Secretary.
" J. N. STIREWALT,	Treasurer.
" PROF. J. C. MOSER,	Treas. Ben. Fund.
" S. HENKEL.	Ass't Treas. Ben. Fund.

Papers for Synod were called for and placed in the hands of proper committees.

The following committees were appointed:

1. ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT—Revs. S. Henkel, J. P. Stirewalt, and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

2. ON STATE OF THE CHURCH—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. K. Efird, A. L. Crouse.

3. ON EXAMINATION—Revs. A. L. Crouse, P. C. Henkel, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird.

4. ON ORDINATION—Revs. S. Henkel, P. C. Henkel, and M. L. Fox.

5. ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS—Rev. A. L. Crouse, and Messrs. P. C. Wike and Silone Zirkle.

6. ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS—Revs. I. Conder, J. N. Stirewalt, and Mr. E. O. Henkel.

7. ON MISSIONS—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. W. Hausenfluck, and Capt. Geo. Arehart.

8. ON CHURCH INSTITUTIONS—Revs. A. L. Crouse, S. Henkel, and J. W. Hausenfluck.

9. ON TREASURER'S REPORT—Messrs. P. C. Wike and Philip Lohr.

10. COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE, AND ON THAT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY—Revs. A. L. Crouse, S. Henkel, and J. W. Hausenfluck.

Report of Committee on the Henkel Monuments.

As the only present member of this committee, I beg to report:

That, in reference to the work at the grave of Rev. Ambrose Henkel, I am collecting funds in Virginia, and hope soon to be able to erect a suitable monument to mark the resting place of that good man:

That, in regard to the work at the grave of Rev. Philip Henkel, in Randolph county, N. C., I have had some correspondence with a view to obtain help from his descendants, but have failed to receive any encouragement. I ask to be discharged from further consideration of this part of the duty of the committee, and suggest that a committee be appointed in the State of North Carolina, charged with the prosecution of this commendable work. A. L. CROUSE.

On motion, Rev. A. L. Crouse was relieved from further duty in North Carolina, and Rev. J. M. Smith was appointed to operate in that State in the interest of Rev. Philip Henkel in place of Rev. A. J. Fox, deceased.

The following report was read, received, and adopted:

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

This report has been written and signed by only one member of the committee, but the other members have furnished valuable assistance.

We think that the expressed hope of the committee last year, "for better things in the near future," has been so far realized, that we have great cause to thank God. The beautiful side of the picture beams with increased brightness. Behold, some old things, which vexed the Lord's people, have passed away, and some have become new. At the same time, some old things, which had been neglected, appear in their proper places. There is, if possible, a more sacred regard for the things that mark a distinctive type of pure Lutheranism. And, although far removed from each other, the pastors have increased in their common defense and support of the Confessions of the Church.

The work of building houses of worship, parsonages, and school buildings, has been prosecuted with commendable zeal. In some places it has been unprecedented. With this progress in substantial things, there is unmistakable evidence of increased love and zeal in spiritual things.—Very little has been done in the way of organizing new congregations, but the old ones have been strengthened.

The cause of education receives still greater interest. Our college and high schools are better patronized, and many elementary schools are subject to the guidance of our pastors and laymen. In places there are movements to re-establish parochial schools, which our people lost in their transition from the German to the English language.

Sunday-school work and catechisation by the pastors have been performed in nearly or quite all the congregations, albeit with various degrees of industry and success. Sometimes one is carried on too much to the exclusion or neglect of the other.

In general benevolence, many of our people have made praiseworthy progress. There have been increased contributions toward beneficiary education, missions, and Concordia College. It would be gratifying, if we could say this much for all.

Things that ought not so to be are:

1. Insufficiency and inefficiency of all the pastors.

2. Lack of sufficient support of the pastor by the charge. With the present arrangement, most of the pastors devote too much time to secular pursuits to be able to attend to their spiritual work as Shepherds of the flock of God.

3. Scarcity of willing, earnest, persevering laborers in the Sunday-schools.

4. Want of interest in the edifying literature of the Church, by the mass of our people. The Minutes of our Synod, our Lutheran books, pamphlets and periodical papers, receive too little attention. In a few congregations, the Church Book has not yet been introduced, whilst the devotions and growth of the people in divine things are hindered by the want of suitable books to use in their public worship.

5. Among many of our people, the want of a proper estimate of the nature and value of public and family worship, the preached Word of God, the Christian training of their children, the proper use of the Lord's Day, also the indulgence, by some, in vices, such as profanity, intemperance, superstitious practices, etc.

6. Proper church discipline, the want of which has wrought great damage to the churches in past years, has not yet been restored.

We cannot close without one local mention. In Alabama a pastor has been secured, a parsonage and school-house built on the church land, and both congregation and school are doing well. A. L. CROUSE.

Synod adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer with Rev. A. L. Crouse.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Divine service was conducted by Rev. M. L. Little.—Minutes of Saturday were read, received, and adopted. Prof. J. D Dreher, Ph. D., of Roanoke College, Va., and Rev. J. I. Miller, of Luray, Page county, Va., were invited to seats as advisory members.

The treasurer's report was received and referred to proper committee.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your committee on unfinished business, beg to submit the following:

(1) On page 10, we find that a committee, composed of Revs. J. C. Moser and J. M. Smith, was appointed to prepare an ordination certificate. Has that duty been discharged?

(2) With regard to the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, as adopted at the last session of Synod, we would respectfully inquire, whether the said amendments have been duly accepted and ratified by all the congregations, to which they were submitted?

(3) On page 23, we find a recommendation on the part of the Committee on Districting the Synod, that the matter be referred to the sev-

eral conferences composing this Synod. We would ask, Has that recommendation been complied with?

(4) On page 28, we find that a committee was appointed, at the last session of Synod, to confer with similar committees from other Lutheran bodies in the South, with a view of appointing a time and place for the convention of a Diet, looking to the unification of all Lutherans in the South. Has that committee any report to make?

(5) On page 27, we find a resolution that Henkel & Co., Publishers, New Market, Va., be requested to furnish circulars to the ministers, composing this Synod, as well as to other Synods, indicating whether they would furnish a new, revised edition of the Book of Concord, as a memorial of the 400th anniversary of Luther's birth, and the probable cost, and whether subscribers would be necessary to secure such publication. Has this resolution been complied with?

(6) On the same page, we find that brother T. E. Armentrout was directed to pursue his studies under the direction of Dr. S. Henkel. Has he done so?

(7) On page 19, we find a motion, that the treasurer was instructed to hunt up a blank book for preserving the clerical and congregational rolls. What about it?

(8) On pages 25 and 26, we find a request of Synod, that every minister in its connection arrange to hold a Luther Festival, in every congregation in his charge, commemorative of the 400th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther. Was this done?

Respectfully submitted.

I. CONDER,
J. N. STIREWALT,
ELON O. HENKEL.

Item 1. Nothing done. The Committee was discharged and another appointed, consisting of Revs. M. L. Little and S. Henkel, D. D.

Item 2. Referred to a Committee composed of Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. P. Stirewalt, and Silone Zirkle.

Item 3. Complied with.

Item 4. Committee continued

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod be authorized to pay out of the treasury the expenses of the delegation to the diet, to be held on the 12th of November, 1884, in the town of Salisbury, N. C., and that each pastor in connection with the Tennessee Synod take up collections in each of his congregations in order to replace in the treasury the amount used for this purpose.

Items 5 and 6. Postponed.

Item 7. Complied with.

Item 8. Partially complied with.

On motion, Rev. Mr. Whitmore, a minister of the Reformed Church of the United States, was invited to a seat with us.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report and Assistant Treasurer's of Beneficiary Fund.

We, your Committee on Treasurer's Reports, state that we find the reports of both Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Funds to be correct.

Balance in the hands of Treasurer, ... $ 34.23
" " " Assistant Treasurer.....115.64

Total,.....$149.87

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. WIKE,
PHILIP LOHR.

Also we state as Committee on the report of Treasurer of Synod, that we have examined his report and find it correct.

Balance in the hands of the treasurer of Synod,.....$72.19

P. C. WIKE,
PHILIP LOHR.

Report on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, would respectfully report the following:

No. 1 is a petition from St. John's congregation, Rockingham Co., Va., in which the petitioners pray for admission into this body. We recommend that said congregation be received.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser, in which he states that he cannot attend this meeting of Synod on account of his duties as a member of the Faculty of Concordia College. He, therefore, asks to be excused. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. Prof. L. A. Fox, D. D., stating that on account of sickness in family connection, he cannot attend this meeting of Synod. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. R. A. Yoder in which he states that on account of press of labor and great distance to Synod, he cannot attend. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 is a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, in which he expresses his inability to be present at this meeting for want of funds. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 6 is a letter from Rev. J. R. Peterson, in which he asks to be excused for absence and gives his reason, want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 7 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Smith, in which he asks to be excused from this meeting of Synod. He gives as a reason, want of means. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. J. S. Koiner, asking to be excused for his absence on account of the health of his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, in which he assigns his excuse for absence, the feeble state of his health. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 10 is a letter from Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Synod, in which he conveys the fraternal greetings of that Synod to ours, and refers to page 9 of their minutes, in which it is regretted that neither delegate nor letter was received from our Synod at their last convention.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. E. L. Lybrand, asking Synod to excuse him. He gives as his excuse, press of business and want of means.—We recommend that he be excused.

A. L. CROUSE,
P. C. WIKE,
SILONE ZIRKLE.

Item 1. Recommendation of Committee complied with.

Items 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12. Revs. Profs. J. C. Moser, L. A. Fox, J. R. Peterson, D. A. Sox, J. S. Koiner, T. Moser, and E. L. Lybrand, were excused for non-attendance.

Items 4 and 7. Revs. R. A. Yoder and J. M. Smith were not excused.

Item 8. Pending discussion on organizing the Tennessee Synod into three district Synods, it adjourned for refreshments and divine service. Benediction by Rev. I. Conder.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod was called to order and roll called. The further consideration of item 8 was postponed until to-morrow.

Items 9, 10, and 12. Revs. J. S. Koiner, T. Moser, and E. L. Lybrand were excused. Rev. Kuegele was invited to a seat with us.

The Assistant Treasurer's report was placed in the hands of committee on Treasurer's report.

The Committee on the President's Report made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of Committee on President's Report.

We the committee, to whom the President's report was referred, beg leave to submit the following:

(1) The first recommendation requiring attention is in regard to the application of Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, of Luray, Page Co., Va., to become a member of our Synod, and suggests that the application be granted.

Relative to this matter, your committee suggest, that the application be referred to the committee on applications.

(2) In the second place, he recommends, that Synod give proper attention to a request on the part of the President of South Carolina Synod, that our Synod co-operate in supporting a Theological Seminary, located at Newberry, South Carolina.

In regard to this matter, we would remark, that whilst we feel the great need of such an institution located at some suitable place in the South, and that we feel the importance of giving such institution a liberal support, we deem it inopportune to take decisive action in regard to this matter at this time, in view of pending events.

(3) In the third place, he recommends, that a committee be appointed, if the proposed amendments to our Constitution and By-laws be adopted by Synod, to prepare the amended Constitution and By-laws for the press, and that they be published in the Minutes or in a separate form.

With respect to this matter, we recommend, that the committee be appointed, and that the Constitution and By-laws be printed in the Minutes, and that 200 copies besides be bound separately, for the use of the ministers and each church, or congregation, and that the Secretary be that committee.

(4) Again, he recommends, that a committee be appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in regard to the death of Rev. A. J. Fox.

We suggest that said committee be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

S. HENKEL,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
J. P. STIREWALT.

Item 1. The committee suggests that the application be referred to the committee on applications.

Item 2. Recommendation of committee sustained.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. K. Efird, and Maj. H. A. Meetze, were appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Rev. A. J. Fox.

Place and Time of Next Meeting.

St. Peter's (Meetze's) Church, Lexington county, South Carolina—on Saturday before the first Sunday of November, 1885.

Mr. Wm. J. Shenk was excused from further attendance during this meeting of Synod.

Synod now adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer with Rev. M. L. Fox.

TUESDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., Sept. 30th.

Synod met. Divine services were conducted by Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller. The roll was called, and the proceedings of yesterday read and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Examination was received and considered by items:

Report of Committee on Examination.

We, your committee on examination, beg to submit that—

1. We have had a conference with Rev. H. Wetzel and Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller, on doctrinal subjects, and, as far as we have had time to examine them, find that they subscribe the doctrines and confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and we recommend that they be received as members of this body, and their names be placed upon the clerical roll.

2. We have also considered a letter from Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D.

We recommend that, as it is the custom of this Synod to examine applicants for membership in this Synod, the committee on examination in N. C., examine the said Dr. Bikle, and if the result prove satisfactory, they report the fact to the President, and that he order his name to be enrolled as a minister of this Synod.

3. We have also had a conference with Mr. D. I. Offman, and recommend that he be received as a student. Also the name of Mr. John Q. Lippard, of N. C., has been handed to us. We refer him to the members of our committee in North Carolina.

4. We recommend that the following appropriations be made, if Synod can do so: D. I. Offman, $40; P. C. Wike, $120; W. L. Darr, $75; W. A. Boyte, $100: J. P. Price, $80; N. G. Deal, $60; D. M. Moser, $60.

P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. N. STIREWALT,
J. K. EFIRD.

Item 1. Recommendation of committee sustained.

Item 2. Amended and adopted.

Item 3. Adopted.

Further action on this report was postponed.

Resolved, That hereafter the arrangement of the usual Committees shall appear in the Minutes in the following order:

No. 1. On President's Report: No. 2. On the State of the Church: No. 3. On Examination; No. 4. On Ordination: No. 5. On Letters and Petitions; No. 6. On Unfinished Business; No. 7. On Missions; No. 8. On Church Institutions; No. 9. On Treasurers' Reports.

Rev. Prof. J. I. Miller was excused, after morning service, from further attendance on this meeting.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business resumed.

Item 5. The publication of the Book of Concord partially complied with. The same committee was continued.

Item 6. Complied with as far as the health of Mr. T. E. Armentrout would permit.

The 8th item of Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions resumed. Pending this animated discussion, Synod adjourned until after divine services.

Benediction by Rev. H. Wetzel.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met, and, after the calling of the roll, the discussion of the 8th item was continued with increased animation. It was finally re-committed to report to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That the following be adopted and properly numbered and placed among our By-laws:

This Synod shall neither invite nor receive advisory members from any other organization, than that of the Lutheran Church, nor ask such to a seat within the bar of Synod.

Rev. A. L. Crouse was appointed to assist the Secretary, in arranging and collating the Revised Constitution and By-laws for the press.

Your committee, appointed to report upon the votes of the congregations upon the amendments of the Constitution of Synod, submit that we find that sixty of our congregations, which are a majority, have adopted all of the amendments proposed, and one adopted all except the one which amends the old two-thirds majority rule in voting upon the question of the ordination of a candidate.

We recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Constitution, By-laws, and Rules of Order, as now amended, be and they are hereby declared to be of full force and effect: that they be placed in our book containing clerical and congregational rolls.

A. L. CROUSE,
J. P. STIREWALT,
SILONE ZIRKLE.

Report of Committee on Examination concluded.

Item 5. Recommendation of committee complied with.

The sum of $40 was appropriated to Mr. D. I. Offman.

Synod adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. P. C. Henkel.

WEDNESDAY, 9 o'clock, Oct. 1st, 1884.

Divine services were conducted by Rev. M. L. Fox.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions on item No. 8, made the following report, which was adopted:

No. 8 is a copy of preamble and resolutions, adopted by the North Carolina Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod, at its recent meeting held in St. James Church, Catawba county, N. C., urging Synod to resolve herself into three district Synods, and that these form a joint Synod.

We recommend the following:

WHEREAS, This Synod, at its convention in October, 1883, took the following action, to-wit:

"WHEREAS, The committee on letters and petitions recommend, that

the three State Conferences, composing the E. L. Tenn. Synod, be resolved into three Synods, confined by State lines; second, that the E. L. Tenn. Synod, in order to perpetuate her history, &c., be denominated the Joint Tenn. Synod, and meet in triennial conventions on middle ground, composed of the above named three district Synods, and such other Synods as may desire to unite with us, for the purpose of transacting and having the superintendence of the general church work of said Joint Synod; we your committee respectfully recommend, that this matter be referred to these Conferences for consideration, indicating their wishes." And

WHEREAS, A majority of the congregations have not taken decisive action in regard to the districting of the E. L. Tenn. Synod and the formation of a joint union, and

WHEREAS, Under the Constitution of this Synod, such change cannot be effected except by the consent of a majority of all the congregations, therefore,

Resolved, That the ministers in connection with this Synod be required to submit the question of districting and joint union to their respective congregations, and report the result to the next meeting of Synod, where and when further action may be taken, if deemed necessary.

The following reports on the moral and financial condition of Concordia College were received and adopted:

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, CONOVER, N. C.

It is made my duty, as President of the Board of Trustees to report annually to Synod the financial condition of this school, and it affords me pleasure to say, that we have property at Conover in valuation not less than $6,000.00, but am sorry to report, that there is a debt of not less than $550.00 resting on it yet, and that much is still needed to furnish the school with needful apparatus, &c.

D. D. SEITZ, PRESIDENT.

J. M. SMITH,
SEC. OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE.

SEPT. 3, 1884.

Report of the President of Concordia College, Located at Conover, Catawba County, N. C.

CONOVER, CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.,
Sept. 24, 1884.

It is made our duty by resolution of the Ev. Luth. Tenn. Synod, annually to report to Synod the moral and literary condition of this school.

We are happy to be able to state, that its condition in both these respects is good and highly commendable, and that the School is in a prosperous condition, with encouraging prospects for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL, PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY.

J. M. SMITH, SECRETARY.

Report of Committee on Reports of Concordia College, Conover, North Carolina.

Having examined the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, as well as that of the President of the Faculty, we take pleasure in being able to state, that the financial condition of this School is in as favorable a condition as could be expected, in view of the circumstances,—the debt unprovided for being only about $550.00; and that the moral and literary condition of the School is commendable and praiseworthy, and the prospects for the future, encouraging.

In regard to the indebtedness, we would suggest that the financial agent make an effort to raise an amount sufficient to liquidate the debt, and to secure a more desirable outfit for the institution, and that our ministers and congregations give him such aid and encouragement as deemed proper for the accomplishment of such object.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
S. HENKEL,
J. W. HAUSENFLUCK.

Resolved, That this Synod is gratified to learn of the increased usefulness of the High School, at Dallas, N. C., under the control and direction of Rev. M. L. Little, as Principal, and are satisfied that it deserves the confidence and support of our people.

Revs. J. M. Cromer and D. A. Goodman were excused for non-attendance, and W. P. Cline not excused.

Synod adjourned. Benediction by the President.

WEDNESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Synod convened, the roll was called, and the following resolutions adopted:

Resolved, That articles twelve, thirteen, and fourteen of our beneficiary regulations be and they are hereby repealed.

NOTE.—Some time after the list of candidates for the ministry was printed off, we learned that Mr. L. L. Lohr, of Gaston co., N. C., is pursuing a course of studies in Gaston High School, with a view to the ministry. Hence this note.—[PUBLISHERS.]

Resolved, That our Beneficiary Regulations and all subsequent action thereupon, be placed in the hands of the Committee, on the collation and publishing of the Constitution, Rules, and By-Laws, for the same purpose of collation and publishing.

The following persons were elected Trustees of Conover College: Rev. A. L. Crouse and Hon. A. Coiner, of Virginia; Rev. R. A. Yoder, of North Carolina; Maj. H. A. Meetze and Mr. D. H. Wheeler, of South Carolina.

Revs. T. Moser, M. L. Fox, and J. K. Efird were chosen to visit, during the present Synodical year, Conover College, and report the condition and prosperity of the School, at the next meeting of our Synod.

IN MEMORY OF

REV. A. J. FOX.

WHEREAS, Our Lord God has again wisely chastened us by the removal from our midst of REV. ALFRED J. FOX, and reminded us of his over-ruling providence in calling his servant from his labors here to his rest in heaven—

Resolved, That in the death of Father Fox, we recognize the loss of a noble and successful servant in the Master's earthly work; an earnest, zealous co-laborer and a warm-hearted friend and brother.

Resolved, That we bow, humbly, to the call of Him who never errs and only wounds to heal.

Resolved, That our sympathies are extended to the bereaved widow and family, and that, while we mourn with them, we cherish upon the altar of his memory fond recollections of his virtues.

Resolved, That this feeble tribute be placed upon a separate page of our Minutes, one copy sent to the widow of our brother, and one be published in OUR CHURCH PAPER.

A. L. CROUSE,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
J. K. EFIRD.

The following vote of thanks was passed:

Resolved, That the President of this body, in the name of the Synod, return thanks to the people in the neighborhood of St. Mary's (Pine) Church, for their kind and hospitable treatment during its meeting.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes of this convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each general body of Lutherans in this country, one copy; and the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence, one copy each; our institutions of learning, one copy each; our Lutheran publications, two copies each; and our beneficiaries and applicants, one copy each.

Report of committee on examination concluded.

Item 5. The recommendation of the committee was sustained, and the following appropriations made for our beneficiaries:

Mr. P. C. Wike, $120; Mr. W. L. Darr, $75; Mr. W. A. Boyte, $100; Mr. J. P. Price, $80; Mr. N. G. Deal, $60; Mr. D. M. Moser, $60.

Resolved, That the action of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College, in calling Revs. C. H. Bernheim and J. S. Koiner to professorships in said college, meets with the cordial approval of this Synod.

The following corresponding delegates were appointed:

To Virginia Synod:—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt.

To Holston Synod:—Rev. P. C. Henkel.

To N. C. Synod:—Rev. R. A. Yoder.

To S. C. Synod:—Rev. J. K. Efird.

Synod now adjourned to meet at the time and place designated, and was closed in due form by the President.

I. CONDER, SECRETARY.

Treasurer's Report.

STONY MAN, PAGE CO., VA.,
September 26, 1884.

J. N. STIREWALT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANG. LUTHERAN TENN. SYNOD.

1883.		Dr.
Oct. 17,	To amount from former Treasurer	$46 20
	To amount paid in for minutes	63 30
	To amount for advertisements	16 00
	To balance due Synod in the hands of Henkel & Co.	28 28
Oct. 26, 1884,	To am't due Synod in hands of Henkel & Co.	88
	Total amount	$154 66

1883.		Cr.	
Dec. 18,	By amount paid Henkel & Co., for printing, mailing, and expressing 1500 copies Tenn. Synod Minutes	$81 27	
		$73 39	
1884.			
Sept. 26,	By amount paid Rev. A. L. Crouse for blank book for Secretary according to action of Synod on page 19	$1 20	
	Balance in hands of Treasurer		$72 19

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

J. C. MOSER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1883.		Dr.
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. T. Moser, former Treasurer as per his report to last session of Synod	$ 64
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. S. Koiner's charge— Bethlehem $6.00; St. Thomas, $2.00; St. Jacob's, $3.00	11 00
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge— Mt. Nebo, $4.02; Morning Star, $3.00	7 02

Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge— St. Peter's, $4.30; Emmanuel's, $4.00.....	$8 30
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge— Lutheran Chapel, $7.20; Christ's, $10.75; Sharon, $5.00; Morning Star, $4.50; Emmanuel, $3.40.....	30 85
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. T. Moser's charge—St. Martin's, $3.50...	3 50
" "	To cash from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge— St. Stephen's, $10.35; Salem, $7.25; Friendship, $6.00; St. Peter's, $3.50.....	27 10
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge— Philadelphia, $7.05.....	7 05
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. J. M. Smith's charge—St. Paul's, $4.00..	4 00
" " " " "	R. A. Yoder's charge—St. James, $10.18.	10 18
" 18, " " "	S. Henkel, Ass't. Treas. as per his report to last session of Synod	30 30
Oct. 16,	To cash from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge— Bethlehem, $12.20	12 20
Nov. 20,	To cash from Rev. J. K. Efird's charge— Cedar Grove, $5.20; St. Peter's, $5.00; St. John's, $4.00	14 20
Dec. 20,	To cash from Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge— Zion, $8.00; St. Paul's, $4.70; St. James, $4.40..	17 10
Dec. 21,	To cash from H. A. Davis.....	3 50
1884.		
Jan. 5,	To cash from Haley Myers	10 00
" " "	" Jacob Byerly.....	5 00
Feb. 26, "	" Peter A. Keply.....	5 00
Mar. 29, "	" M. L. Barringer.....	5 00
" " "	" James T. Miller.....	5 00
"	" Rev. J. C. Moser's charge— Concordia, $11.00; Sharon, $9.50; St. Martin's, $5.00 Newton, $5.00; Zion, $8.48.....	38 98
Mar. 31,	To cash from Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge—.....	11 00
April 19, "	" Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge— St. Peter's, $6.55; Emmanuel, $2.50.....	9 05
May 3,	To cash from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge— Frienship, $11.79; Salem, $4.08; St. Stephen's, $6.33; St. Peter's, $3.35.....	25 55
May 26,	To cash from Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge—Bethlehem....	5 50
June 8, "	" " A. J. Fox's charge—St. Matthew's.....	7 16
July 5, "	" " T. Moser's charge—Lutheran Union...	3 00
" 28, "	" " D. A. Goodman's charge—Zion.....	7 05
Aug. 18, "	" " S. Henkel, Asst. Treasurer.....	50 00
" 31, "	" " R. A. Yoder's charge—St. James.....	10 00
		$384.23

1883.			Cr.
Nov. 15,	By cash to	P. C. Wike	$50 00
" 16,	" "	W. A. Boyte	25 00
1884.			
Jan. 5,	By cash to	Wm. L. Darr	45 00
" 8,	" "	W. A. Boyte	25 00
" 19,	" "	J. P. Price	40 00
" 29,	" "	D. M. Moser	25 00
April 19,	" "	W. A. Boyte	25 00
May 19,	" "	P. C. Wike	25 00
" 23,	" "	J. P. Price	25 00
July 14,	" "	J. P. Price	10 00
Aug. 9,	" "	P. C. Wike	25 00
Sept. 13,	" "	Wm. L. Darr	30 00
			$350 00
Sept. 20,	By Balance on hand subject to order of Synod		$34 23
			$384 23

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,

Treas. of Ben. Fund of Evang. Lutheran Tenn. Synod.

Report of Assistant Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

	To balance in my hand at settlement made at Synod, Oct. 8, 1883.		$30 30
1883.			
Nov.,	To cash from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge		10 00
Dec. 18,	To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge		4 64
1884.			
Apr. 29,	To amount from Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel		1 00
May 27,	To check, a bequeathment made, by Mrs. Martha S. Rhodes, nee Baker, through her executor, Mr. George W. Miley		$150 00
			$195 94
Oct. 10,	Credit by amount paid over to Rev. J. C. Moser, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund	$30 30	
1884, Aug. 19,	Credit by amount paid same	50 00	80 30
		$80 30	
	Balance in my hands		$115 64

S. HENKEL, Asst. Treas.

MINISTERS.	Ent'd Ministry.	Congregations.	Communicants	Souls.	Adult Baptisms	Int'l Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sundy Schools	Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Cur. Expenses.	Other Objects.
Rev. P. C. Henkel	1843	4	760	1500	...	77	56	...	20	...	3	6	...	...	$3.40	$25.36	$250.00	...
" J. R. Peterson	1843	4	178	368	1	12	14	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	5.00	27.50	250.00	...
" T. Moser	1844	3	150	...	...	14	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2.50	11.35	...	...
" S. Henkel	1850	2	246	480	2	23	7	3	17	...	1	8	50	...	3.50	15.55	430.00	$ 150.00
" C. H. Bernheim	1855	2	207	...	...	28	38	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2.60	...	300.00	...
" J. M. Smith	1856	2	175	...	...	31	20	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	2.00	5.75	142.00	...
" I. Conder	1861	4	125	182	2	1	6	...	5	...	3	15	65	...	1.00	12.31	300.00	...
" J. N. Stirewalt	1871	5	413	713	1	22	14	...	11	...	5	32	233	...	3.60	8.08	...	100.00
" M. L. Fox, M. D.	1871	3	120	250	...	8	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1.10	4.50	100.00	...
" A. L. Crouse	1871	1	71	127	1	3	...	3	1	...	1	14	98	...	...	5.50	350.00	17.00
" J. P. Stirewalt	1873	5	700	1100	3	48	15	4	16	...	3	18	175	4	8.40	42.34	500.00	100.00
" M. L. Little	1873	4	350	...	...	52	32	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	4.50	...	400.00	2000.00
" J. I. Miller	1859	1	47	...	1	...	6	1	...	...	1	7	65	...	1.50	12.00	200.00	3500.00
" J. C. Moser	1873	5	440	855	1	48	12	48	13	...	3	18	225	...	5.50	40.00	500.00	3000.00
" J. W. Hausenfluck	1876	5	254	...	11	12	14	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" J. K. Efird	1877	2	400	...	...	41	3	10	22	...	2	8	140	10	2.05	...	300.00	...
" J. A. Cromer	1877	3	195	310	...	15	2	2	3	...	3	18	112	...	2.30	18.00	180.00	60.00
" E. L. Lybrand	1877	4	475	918	2	33	18	11	5	...	4	20	275	...	...	20.00	300.00	...
" R. A. Yoder	1878	3	375	...	1	13	5	...	5	...	3	26	250	...	4.20	10.00	500.00	1000.00
" J. S. Koiner	1881	3	329	679	...	23	25	7	5	...	3	20	147	7	1.50	12.00	505.00	60.00
" W. P. Cline	1881	4	352	668	7	25	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	2.80	...	300.00	750.00
" D. A. Goodman	1882	3	117	246	3	16	2	6	2	...	1	2	86	...	1.80	7.05	400.00	50.00
" D. J. Settlemyre	1883	5	230	488	1	18	19	3	4	...	1	5	75	...	...	...	...	...
" D. A. Sox	1883	1	46	97	...	15	...	3	3	...	1	4	61	...	1.50	...	...	...
" J. A. Rudisill	1883	6	850	1450	6	72	70	2	10	...	2	14	150	...	4.00	...	300.00	800.00
" *L. A. Bikle	1859	2	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.00	...	...	...
†Four Churches	...	...	280	570	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Received after adjournment of Synod, as a member of Synod.

†Partially served by Revs. Socrates Henkel and J. P. Stirewalt.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

SATURDAY.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, Luke 16.

SUNDAY.

In the Church, 10½, A. M.—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, John 1, 29.

In the Grove, 10½, A. M.—Rev. I. Conder, Rom. 10, 13. Confession and Absolution were conducted by the Pastor Loci and the Sacrament of the Holy Communion was administered to a large number of communicants.

In Grace Reformed Church, 6½, P. M.—Rev. J. K. Efird, John 20, 29.

In Forestville, 6½, P. M.—Rev. J. A. Rudisill, Ps. 118. 8.

In New Market—Rev. M. L. Fox, M. D.

MONDAY, 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., Acts 2, 39.

TUESDAY, 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Rev. M. L. Little, Eph. 2, 8.

In Forestville, 6½, P. M.—Rev. J. K. Efird, Matt. 6, 6.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD,

(AS REVISED IN 1883.)

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Synod shall be THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The Holy Scriptures, the inspired writings of the Old and New Testaments, shall be the only rule and standard of doctrine and church discipline.

SEC. 2. As a true and faithful exhibition of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures, in regard to matters of faith and practice, this Synod receives the three Ancient Symbols: the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian creeds; and the unaltered Augsburg Confession of Faith. It receives also the other Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, viz.: The Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Smaller and Larger Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord—as true Scriptural developments of the doctrines taught in the Augsburg Confession.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. This Synod is an association of congregations. Its conventions shall be composed of regularly ordained ministers in their connection, and their lay-delegates.

SEC. 2. Each one of these congregations shall have the right to appoint one such delegate, who shall have equal rights and privileges with the ministers transacting the business of Synod.

SEC. 3. Every minister desiring to be received into connection with this Synod, shall, on his reception, be required to subscribe this Constitution.

SEC. 4. No minister, in connection with this Synod, shall be allowed to teach any thing, nor shall Synod transact any business contray to the confessional basis as set forth in Article II.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. The business of this Synod shall be to employ the proper means for the promulgation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to impart its advice in matters of Christian faith and life, to detect and expose erroneous doctrines and false teachers, to recommend orthodox liturgies, hymn books, catechisms, parochial and Sunday-school books, to engage in missionary work—domestic and foreign, to aid indigent young men in preparing for the work of the ministry, and to investigate charges of false doctrines, wrong practices, and immoralities of life, preferred against any of its ministers, and, finding them guilty, to suspend or expel from Synod such as are deemed unworthy to bear the office, and advise their pastorates to sever their official relations with them.

SEC. 2. Upon application to examine candidates for the ministry, this Synod shall make the necessary provisions to attend to such application, and, after due approval, appoint one or more pastors to consecrate such candidate to the office of the ministry, by the laying on of hands and prayer.

SEC. 3. Synod shall require a probationary period of not less than one year, during which time all candidates for the ministerial office shall be taken on trial.

SEC. 4. Upon application, this Synod may receive congregations in its connection, provided they subscribe this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of this Synod shall be a President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. A majority of all votes cast will be required to constitute an election to any office. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually devolve upon the same in other public bodies, or as may be made obligatory upon them from time to time by Synod. They shall be elected by ballot, at the regular session, annually, and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI.

Synod shall meet from time to time upon its own adjournments. Extra sessions may be called by the President, when requested for good and sufficient reasons, to do so, by two ministers and two lay-men in its connection.

ARTICLE VII.

Synod may at any regular meeting, by a concurrence of two-thirds

of all the members present, make such regulations and by-laws as may be deemed necessary, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

If any thing contained in these articles should hereafter be deemed contrary to the Confessional Basis of this Synod, oppressive, or inexpedient, it may be altered or amended. But nothing contained in this Constitution shall be altered or amended unless a proposition for alteration or amendment shall have been laid before one of the sessions of Synod, in writing, and agreed to by two-thirds of all the members voting. The proposition thus agreed to, shall then be laid, in due form, by the Synod in its Minutes before the congregations in its connection, for ratification or rejection by them; and the ministers or vestries of these congregations shall, at some suitable time, before the next succeeding sessions of Synod, take the vote of these congregations, on the Constitution as amended, allowing the members to vote for its ratification or rejection and send a statement of the vote to that session of Synod. If, then, it shall be ascertained by Synod that a majority of these congregations have voted in favor of ratification, the amendment shall become and be declared by Synod on the face of its Minutes a valid part of said Constitution, and the parts thereof repugnant to such alteration, void.

RULES OF ORDER AND BY-LAWS.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1.—At the time and place appointed for meeting, if three ordained ministers and three lay-delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 2.—The first session shall be opened by the President with suitable religious exercises; and, in the absence of the President, by the Secretary; and, in the absence of both, by one of the older ministers present. And every succeeding session shall be opened and closed with prayer, after which, in opening, the roll shall be called and, if the first session of the day, the minutes of the preceding day read, amended, if necessary, and approved.

Rule 3.—The lay-delegates shall then present their certificates of

election, and their names shall be registered by the Secretary as members of Synod.

RULE 4.—The President shall read his Annual Report as the last official act of his term, and then announce the election of officers for the ensuing year. The election shall then be held.

RULE 5.—Delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies may be admitted, and advisory members may be received.

RULE 6.—The minutes of the last session of Synod may be read; all papers intended for Synod shall be handed in; and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before Synod.

RULE 7.—If the number of papers laid before Synod be large, the President may appoint a committee to class and number them according to their contents; if, however, the number be small, the President shall arrange them and place them in the hands of the committees to which they appropriately belong. The President shall appoint the following

COMMITTEES:

1. On President's Report.
2. On the State of the Church.
3. On Examination.
4. On Ordination.
5. On Letters and Petitions.
6. On Unfinished Business.
7. On Missions.
8. On Church Institutions.
9. On Treasurer's Reports.

The President may appoint as many special committees as may be necessary.

RULE 8.—The vacant congregations shall be inquired after, and provisions shall be made for them.

RULE 9.—The report of committees may be heard and acted upon at any time, and the intervals be occupied by the items of promiscuous business.

RULE 10.—When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

RULE 11.—Whenever any member shall be called to order by the President he shall sit down, and, also, when called to order by any member, unless the President decide in his favor.

By leave of Synod a member called to order may clear a matter of fact or explain, but shall not proceed in debate so long as the decision is against him but by permission of the House. Any member may appeal from the decision of the President, and, if, upon the appeal the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed; if

otherwise, he shall not, except by leave of the House; and if, in the judgment of the House, the case requires, he shall be liable to censure.

RULE 12.—When two or more members rise at the same time the President shall name the member to speak.

RULE 13.—Whilst the President is putting a question to or addressing the House no member shall speak, stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when any member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand or pass between him and the Chair.

RULE 14.—Every member who shall be in the house when the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the House shall for special reasons excuse him.

RULE 15.—When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or, if it be written, it shall be handed to the President and it shall be read aloud either by himself or some one whom he may designate.

RULE 16.—Every motion shall be written if the President or any two members desire it.

RULE 17.—After a motion is stated or read by the President it shall be deemed in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn or amended before a decision, except in case of a motion to reconsider, which motion shall be deemed and taken to be in possession of the House and shall not be withdrawn without the leave of the House.

RULE 18.—When a question is under discussion, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit, or to amend.

RULE 19.—When a question is postponed indefinitely, it shall not be acted upon again during the session.

RULE 20.—Any member may call for a division of the question when it shall admit of it, which shall be determined by the President.

RULE 21.—When a motion has once been carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof, and no motion to reconsider shall be taken from the table except by a two-thirds vote.

RULE 22.—When the yeas and nays are called for on any question, it shall be on motion, and if seconded by one-fifth of the members present, the question shall be decided by yeas and nays.

RULE 23.—Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections carefully avoided.

RULE 24.—No member or officer shall absent himself from the house without leave, unless from sickness or inability.

RULE 25.—Any member may excuse himself at the time of his appointment, if he is a member of two standing committees.

RULE 26.—If any member shall necessarily be absent on any business

of the House when the vote is taken, he shall, on motion, upon entering the house be permitted to cast his vote.

RULE 27.—Each minister in connection with this Synod shall hand in his Parochial Report, which may be read before Synod, and shall embrace the usual items, and any other the Synod may at any time require.

RULE 28.—Election of delegates to ecclesiastical bodies in correspondence with this Synod, shall be held.

RULE 29.—The time and place of holding the next session of Synod, shall be determined.

RULE 30.—Should any of the officers of Synod be absent, they shall send their reports with the documents which may have come to their hands during the interval of Synod. In case of the necessary absence of an officer during the sessions of Synod, he shall nominate a substitute *pro tempore*.

RULE 31.—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when the House is voting or some member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

RULE 32.—This Synod shall be dismissed by the President with appropriate religious service.

RULE 33.—Any of the foregoing rules may be altered or amended, at any regular session of Synod, by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the members present, after having given notice at the previous session of Synod.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD.

SEC. 1. The President must be chosen from among the ordained ministers of this body; and at every session of Synod, if present, he shall deliver the opening sermon; and in connection with the pastor *loci* and elders of the congregation in which the Synod convenes, shall appoint the individuals who shall preach during the sessions of Synod.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all the sessions of Synod; see that order is observed; not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, securing to each the liberty to speak without interruption from others; and prevent the speaker from deviating from the subject before the House.

Sec. 3. The President at the commencement of every Synod shall present a written report of all the official business transacted, of the letters received by him, since the last regular meeting, and of all the important events that have occurred relating to Synod which may have come to his knowledge; and he may recommend for consideration such measures as he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the interest of the Church. This report shall be dealt with as other papers coming before Synod.

Sec. 4. If any minister of this Synod removes into the bounds of any other Evan. Lutheran Synod, the President, upon his request, may grant him an honorable dismission to that Synod.

Sec. 5. The President, by substituting a chairman, is at liberty to take part in the discussion of any subject. When on any question the vote should be a tie, the President shall give the casting vote except when voting by ballot.

Sec. 6. Should the President depart this life, or cease to be a member of this Synod, the senior minister shall himself succeed him or shall appoint some one to fill the chair.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE SECRETARY.

Sec. 1. The Secretary must be elected from among the ordained ministers of this Synod, and should possess suitable qualifications for the discharge of the duties of this office.

Sec. 2. He shall make a faithful and accurate record of the proceedings of Synod, and carefully preserve all the papers and documents unless otherwise disposed of by the keeper of the archives of Synod. The Secretary shall attest with his official signature all certificates, all resolutions respecting ministers, delegates or churches, and the Minutes of Synod.

Sec. 3. If during the interval of the sessions of Synod the Secretary should become disqualified for his office or cease to be a member of this Synod, the President shall take charge of all the papers of Synod which were in his hands and retain them, or shall appoint some one to discharge the duties of the office until the next meeting of Synod.

ARTICLE III.

OF THE TREASURER.

Sec. 1. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys belonging to Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall present at each annual meeting of Synod a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. An order from the President attested by the Secretary, shall be a sufficient voucher for him to pay money out of the Treasury.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer is to see to the printing of the Minutes, if the Synod orders their publication, and to distribute them to each of the minister's charges in proportion to the amount of money received by Synod from them for that purpose.

Sec. 4. Should the Treasurer depart this life or become in any way disqualified for his office, during the recess of Synod, the Secretary shall take charge of all the property belonging to Synod that may be in his hands and discharge the duties of the office until the vacancy is filled by Synod.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. As the honor and success of the Gospel depends very much upon the character of its Ministers, the Synod should guard with the utmost care and impartiality the characters of its members. No Minister on account of his office should be screened from the hands of justice; neither, on the other hand, should scandalous charges be received or circulated against him on slight and uncertain grounds.

Sec. 2. Should any member of the church know a minister to be guilty of a private offense, he shall reprove him according to Matt. 18, 15; and, if in the process, as required in this text, he be restored fully to the favor of his charge, or congregation, as to his membership and fitness to perform the functions of the ministry, the matter should rest here; but if his offense shall have been of such a serious character, in violating the principles of piety, rules of morality, or errors in the fundamental doctrines of our church, and the decisions of the congregation or charge shall not have been satisfactory to the Synod, Synod shall investigate the matter, and, if in her judgment, his offense has been such as to disqualify him to discharge the functions of the ministry, she shall sever his Synodical relation, and recommend the congregation or congregations to sever his pastoral or ministerial relations; and any congregation refusing to do so, its connection with this Synod shall be dissolved.

Sec. 3. In the event of an offense committed by a minister of this Synod, requiring the aid of Synod to adjust it satisfactorily, the member or members, acquainted with the facts in the case, shall immediately inform the President of Synod, who shall call, without delay, a session of Synod, if two ministers and two laymen request it, to be held in one of the congregations of the accused. The president shall notify the parties of the call session, and enjoin it upon them to appear at the time and place appointed, prepared to furnish all the testimony for and against the accused. When all the evidence shall have been collected, the Synod shall proceed to give the subject a fair, candid, and impartial investigation, and dispose of it according to the evidence in the case.

Sec. 4. If a minister against whom serious charges are preferred, be

duly notified and he refuse to attend the meeting appointed to investigate his case, his connection with Synod shall be severed, and his charge advised to sever his pastoral and ministerial relations.

ARTICLE V.

ADMISSION OF MINISTERS.

Sec. 1. Any person desiring to become a Minister in this body, shall make application to the Synod, when a committee of three shall be appointed to confer with him upon his motives in becoming a Minister, and ascertain as far as possible his character as regards morality and piety, and report the result to Synod; if it be favorable, he shall then be directed to place himself under the care of some member of this Synod (who may grant him when qualified license to preach and catechise *until the next annual session*); or to put himself under the tuition of some approved Theological Seminary.

In the interim of annual sessions, this application must be made to the President, who with another Minister shall examine him, and, if satisfied, direct him to the care of some Minister or approved Seminary.

Sec. 2. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the licensure of a candidate for the ministry he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be publicly licensed to the next annual session of Synod. The vote shall be taken by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote to secure license.

Sec. 3. Whenever one or more congregations make application for the services of a candidate for the ministry, he shall be carefully examined in reference to his literary and theological attainments. If he sustains the examination to the satisfaction of Synod, he shall be ordained to the office of pastor, according to Article IV. Sec. 3 of Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.

SPECIAL DUTIES.

Sec. 1. When any particular duty is assigned to any minister or ministers by resolution of Synod, or otherwise, it shall be their duty faithfully to comply with such requirements; but, should they fail to do so, they must render their excuse, if satisfactory, they shall be excused; if not, they shall be censured or otherwise dealt with as the nature of the case requires.

Sec. 2. No business shall be transacted secretly or under closed doors, unless an unhappy period should arrive, in which the Church would be liable to persecution, except such as relates to the moral character of a minister, and to the examination of candidates for the ministerial office. Cases of this kind, if deemed necessary and expedient, may be attended to in a private session of Synod.

Sec. 3. This Synod shall neither invite nor receive advisory members from any other organization, than that of the Lutheran Church; nor ask such to a seat within the bar of Synod.

SUMMIT RULE.

OF DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP OF SECRET SOCIETIES, ALTAR AND PULPIT FELLOWSHIP, &c.

As this Synod is invested only with advisory power; and as the general policy of this Synod has not been to encourage such doctrines, worship or fellowship, be it

Resolved 1. That this Synod, as we have, so far as we know, no minister now in affiliation with such societies, we advise all who may be looking to the office of the ministry in connection with this Synod, not to associate or hold fellowship with any societies that practice a deistic worship or service, to the disparagement of the adoration due Jesus Christ, or that comes in conflict with the orthodox worship of the Church, or that sets up a plan of salvation coming in conflict with that set forth in Divine Revelation, through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Mediator between God and man; as it is the sentiment of this Synod that such could not be received.

2. That we regard these matters as subjects for investigation and instruction, and our ministers are advised to give such information as they may deem proper, when it is desired.

3. With respect to altar and pulpit fellowship, it is the sentiment of this Synod, that our ministers and people adhere to the practice set forth in the Confessions of the Church, using all necessary precaution, prudence, and judiciousness in the exercise of such privileges, lest the sacredness of the altar and pulpit be violated, or the consciences of some be oppressed, and reference should always be had to the preparation, designated in the Augsburg Confession, article eleven, and in Luther's Catechism, where it is said. "Let a man examine himself," etc.; and "He only is truly worthy and well prepared. who has faith in these words," etc.

4. In regard to Chiliasm, we would simply say, it is clearly rejected in the 17th article of the Augsburg Confession.

Regulations for the Government of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod in the Work of Beneficiary Education.

Article I.—This Synod shall, from time to time, receive as many Beneficiaries, preparing for the Gospel Ministry, into her connection, as she can procure and collect funds to sustain.

Article II.—Every applicant for beneficiary aid from this Synod must be subjected to a rigid examination in regard to his Christian char-

acter, deportment, designs, talents, and advancements in Literary, or Theological attainments. No one can obtain beneficiary aid from this Synod, unless he is a member of some one of our congregations, in full communion with the same. His moral character and piety must be entirely above reproach, and his talents must, at least, reach mediocrity. He must unqualifiedly receive, and express a willingness to teach, all the doctrines of the entire collection of our Evangelical Lutheran Confessions. He must, at least, have attained to a sufficient amount of literary knowledge, to enable him to enter the Freshman class in regular Colleges. He must furnish satisfactory evidence that he has not, and cannot command, the necessary pecuniary means, to qualify him for the work of the Holy Ministry from his parents, or any other worldly source. Every application for Beneficiary aid shall be made to the President of the Synod, who, upon such application, shall appoint a committee to examine the applicant or applicants according to the requirements contained in the Synod's Regulations for Beneficiary Work, and it shall be the duty of this committee to examine and report the result of the examination to the President of the Synod, who shall, if approved by the committee, recommend such applicant or applicants to the favorable attention of Synod.

Article III.—Every minister educated by this Synod shall be held, in honor bound, to labor within the bounds of this Synod, as Pastor, for a term of not less than five years—unless he is excused by a resolution of this Synod, which he must ask for, and obtain before he is at liberty to make arrangements to go elsewhere. He may be excused upon the ground of refunding the money he has received with interest at 6 per cent. or upon any other ground satisfactory to this Synod.

Article IV.—This Synod should have full control of all her Beneficiaries, in regard to their studies, during the time they are receiving beneficiary aid from her. They must attend such schools as directed by Synod, only, and their studies must be approved by the Synod. They may prosecute their studies in either some college, school or Theological seminary, as per agreement with this Synod, and they must obtain from the President of such Institution, annually, a full report in regard to their conduct, capacity, and advancement in their studies, and forward the same to the President of this Synod, who shall submit it with his report, to the Synod for examination.

Article V.—Every minister in connection with this Synod is required to take up collections for beneficiary purposes, in each of his congregations, as often in each year as he may deem it expedient, and in whatever manner he and his council may think most prudent, and report the result of the same to the next annual convention of this Synod.

Article VI.—There shall be elected annually, by this Synod, a receiving and disbursing Agent, who shall discharge the duties of Treas-

urer, as described in the following Articles of these regulations; and hold his office until his successor shall be elected, or in case of his death, another shall be appointed by the President of Synod to fill the vacancy.

Article VII.—The President of this Synod shall recognize all the Beneficiaries received by this Synod, and shall give all orders upon the Treasurer in favor of Beneficiaries to whom appropriations have been made by the Synod. He shall keep a correct account of all orders given by him, and shall annually compare his account with the accounts kept by the Treasurer, and report the result of the same to the Synod. He must annually report to Synod all his other transactions including the number of Beneficiaries, their progress, prospects, and Christian deportment, and anything else he may deem interesting to the Synod. During the periods elapsing between the annual conventions of the Synod, all communications on the subject of beneficiary education, and all applications for aid, must be addressed to the President, and must be laid by him before the annual convention of the Synod.

Article VIII.—The Secretary of this Synod shall record the reports of the President and Treasurer, and in the event of the death or removal of the President, the Secretary shall discharge all the duties of the President in regard to beneficiary operations, until the next Synod shall fill the vacancy.

Article IX.—The Treasurer of the beneficiary funds shall keep a clear and correct account of all moneys, which shall come into his hands; and shall report the same to the annual conventions of the Synod, with all the disbursements he may make, during the previous Synodical year, accompanied with the proper vouchers for each disbursement. He must allow and pay all orders of the President out of the funds in his hands.

Article X.—All moneys collected from congregations, or otherwise, and donations for beneficiary purposes, shall be paid over to the Treasurer; for which he shall be required to give his official receipt, to the parties who may pay them over to him.

Article XI.—From every Beneficiary who receives any funds appropriated to him by this Synod, the Treasurer shall take suitable bonds, made payable to the Treasurer of the beneficiary funds of this Synod, for the full amount of all the funds he shall at any time have received, with interest at 6 per cent. If he, at any time afterwards, shall, without the consent of the Synod, either abandon his studies, or, after completing them, refuse to engage in the work of preaching the Gospel of Christ in connection with this Synod, during the time specified in Article III, or shall for any cause be expelled from this Synod, in either event, the obligation he has entered into for refunding the money he may have received shall immediately become due, and if he should refuse to pay the same, he shall by such refusal, make himself liable to public exposure.

ARTICLE XII.—These regulations shall be subject to amendment at any convention of this Synod. One day's notice is required to be given, with a written statement of the amendment asked for, by any one who may at any time desire any amendment.

ARTICLE XIII.—All rules and regulations heretofore adopted by this Synod, in regard to beneficiary education, are hereby rescinded from the adoption of these regulations.

Probationary Regulations.

To meet the requirements of the Constitution of Synod, that all candidates for the ministry be held in a state of probation for not less than one year, and to direct the studies of such students as pursue their studies under private instruction, the following regulations are adopted :

I. Every such candidate shall be placed under the care of some pastor in connection with this Synod, under whose direction such student shall pursue his studies not less than two years.

II. The pastor under whose care any student may be placed shall assign to such student any labor for which he may be found qualified.

III. Synod shall prescribe the course of study to be pursued by each student.

IV. The following text-books shall be used, viz.: Kurtz's Church and Sacred History, Horne's Introduction, Hutter's Compend, Knapp's Theology, Book of Concord, Krauth's Conservative Reformation, Schmidt's Dogmatics, Mann's Schmidt's Christian Ethics, Vinet's Homiletics, Vinet's Pastoral Theology. Instruction shall also be given in Liturgics, Catechetics, and Ecclesiastical Polity.

V. There shall be a committee of examination, appointed at each annual meeting of Synod, before which every student shall be required to appear for examination at, or shortly before each convention of Synod. It shall be the duty of the committee of examination to report to Synod the progress made in his studies by each student.

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PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Convention will be held in the College Chapel congregation, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., commencing on Saturday, 10 A. M., before first full moon in Nov., 1886.

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EVANG. LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

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LEXINGTON CO., S. C.,
October 31, 1885.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in St. Peter's Church, Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor, Lexington Co., S. C., on Saturday, 10 A. M., Oct. 31, 1885, and continued its sessions until Wednesday, 5 P. M., Nov. 4, 1885.

The President, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, preached the synodical sermon from 1 Cor. 16, 13.

The following pastors and lay-delegates, were present at the organization, or appeared during the proceedings:

PASTORS.	LAY-DELEGATES.
Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D.	
" J. R. Peterson.	
" D. Efird.....	
" C. H. Bernheim..... ...	C. M. Wagner—Sharon, St. Martin's.
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" M. L. Little.....	L. L. Lohr—St. Mark's, St. John's, Gaston Co., N. C.; E. Lewis—Luther Chapel.
" J. C. Moser.....	F. A. Yount—St. John's; J. P. Price—Concordia; P. C. Wike—Zion.
" J. K. Efird...	J. W. Summer—St. John's; L. G. Wheeler—St. Peter's; D. G. Whites—St. Jacob's.
" J. A. Cromer.....	C. M. Efird—Zion; W. W. Lorick—Bethlehem; C. S. Sox—Emmanuel; H. A. Meetze—St. Peter's (Meetze's): G. W. Eargle—St. Andrew's.

Rev. E. L. Lybrand.....A. E. Crapps—St. James'; P. H. Crapps —St. Paul's; D. T. Hare—Cedar Grove.
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" D. A. Sox.....Emanuel Laminack—St. Michael's, Ala.
" J. A. Rudisill.....P. W. Carpenter, Bethphage.
.....J. K. Rhyne, Philadelphia.
.....R. H. Cline, Mt. Pleasant.
.....J. C. Fulmer, St. Thomas.
.....E. J., J. Efird, St. Martin's.

The President read his report which was received.

President's Report.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:

Dear Brethren: Another synodical year is numbered with the past. Its lost opportunities for doing good and extending the Redeemer's kingdom cannot be retrieved. Of whatever neglect or remissness of duty we have been guilty, we should endeavor through the help of our heavenly Father to be more vigilant and faithful in the future. Our stewardship will soon cease, and we must give an account as those who watch for souls. God in his merciful providence has spared our lives, and the ranks of our ministry remain unbroken.

During the year I gave orders on the Treasurer of the Beneficiary fund in favor of our beneficiaries, viz.: W. A. Boyte, P. C. Wike, D. M. Moser, D. I. Offman, J. P. Price, N. G. Deal, and W. L. Darr, for the several amounts appropriated for the benefit of each.

On Nov. 6, 1884, I sent on the name of Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., to the Secretary, to be entered on our clerical roll, as advised by the Committee on Examination.

Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, through his acceptance of the position to which he was elected in "Concordia College," has made vacant the charge which he served in So. Ca., one of which churches, St. Jacob's, is supplied with preaching this year by Rev. J. K. Efird.

I received a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, bearing date of June 24th, notifying me, that he has resigned the church in Alabama, and accepted a call to the vacant churches in the Valley of Virginia, in Shenandoah Co.

Valle Crucis and Mt. Pleasant churches, in Watauga Co., N. C., are now served very acceptably by Mr. R. H. Cline.

During the year I have had correspondence with Rev. J. Steck, D. D., President of the So. Ca. Synod with a view of establishing peace between the litigants of St. John's church, and taking the matter out of court. Nothing has yet been done, by reason of both of us being much absent from home, laboring in the same work for our several colleges.

I recommend that his last letter be read, and that a committee be appointed by this Synod, to meet a like committee of the S. C. Synod, in order to establish peace in this congregation.

1. I would recommend, that Synod elect a Theological Professor, to labor conjointly with the Faculty of "Concordia College," that our young men, having the ministry in view, may, with their literary course, also receive a theological training *at home*. Synod will provide a way by a special assessment upon all the churches for the support of said professor.

2. I also recommend, that all of our churches in the bounds of our Synod be laid off and established into pastorates, for the more efficient and successful church work, and that these charges remain unchanged, when so constructed, except by the voice of Synod or Conference, in which such pastorates be located.

3. I further recommend, that an earnest, faithful, and persevering effort be made by all of our pastors, to introduce family prayer in all of our congregations, and they make special effort by sermons, example, and otherwise to lead our congregations into this grace, that the standard of piety may be elevated among us, and that we may not "hold the truth of God in unrighteousness."

4. I also recommend, that we all observe "Uniformity of Worship," as it is directed in the "Church Book," that there be no divisions amongst us in this matter, and we become more united, and that thus we come in the "Unity of the Faith and Bond of Peace."

It is made my duty, as your presiding officer, to call your attention to the action of the "Southern Lutheran Diet," held in Salisbury, N. C., November 12-13, 1884. It has adopted a sound and true Lutheran Basis, viz.: The entire Symbols of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. It has also adopted a Constitution, which, though it may not be as full and complete as some would desire it, is nevertheless so far as it is, an excellent bond of union for all the churches in our Southland, and designed to bring us all together "in the unity of the Faith and bond of peace." It is presented to your consideration, and for action during this session of Synod.

I now return to you my sincere and hearty thanks for your partiality in having honored me as your presiding officer. I have served you to the best of my ability, though with much weakness and fear. The term of my office is expired, and I vacate the chair to a more worthy and efficient successor.

"And now may the God of peace make you perfect in every good work; to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

C. H. BERNHEIM.

Then followed an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of

REV. J. M. SMITH, - - - - President.
REV. R. A. YODER, - - - - Secretary.
REV. A. L. CROUSE, - - - - Cor. Sec.
REV. J. K. EFIRD, - - - - Treasurer.

The President appointed the following committees:

1. *On President's Report*—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. R. Peterson, and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

2. *On State of the Church*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. K. Efird, and A. L. Crouse.

3. *On Examination*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. C. Moser, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

4. *On Ordination*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson, and J. C. Moser.

5. *On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. M. L. Fox, J. A. Rudisill, and G. M. Yoder, Esq.

6. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. D. A. Sox, R. H. Cline, and P. C. Wike.

7. *On Missions*—Revs. M. L. Fox, C. H. Bernheim, and Mr. C. M. Efird.

8. *Church Institutions*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, A. L. Crouse, and Mr. Aaron York.

9. *On Treasurer's Report*—Rev. M. L. Little, and Messrs. F. A. Yount and C. M. Wagner.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim and Maj. H. A. Meetze were appointed a committee to report on the matter of districting Synod.

All documents pertaining to Synod were now called for and handed over to the proper committees.

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

1. In reference to the litigation at St. John's, S. C., we recommend, that a committee, composed of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and Rev. J. M. Smith, be appointed, to meet a similar committee appointed by the S. C. Synod, to whom this whole matter shall be referred.

2. Recognizing the necessity of electing and sustaining a theological

professor at Concordia College for the present, we recommend, that

(*a*) Our congregations be requested to contribute annually not less than 12 cents *per capita*, which shall constitute a fund out of which the said professor shall be supported:

(*b*) The salary of the professor shall be $800 per annum;

(*c*) In the event that the fund will warrant it, the Board of Trustees of Concordia College shall employ such professor as early as Jan. 1st, 1886, or at the beginning of the next scholastic year, subject to the subsequent ratification of their action by Synod.

(*d*) Said professor shall be chosen from among the members of the Tennessee Synod, if possible; shall have been a pastor not less than ten years, and shall faithfully discharge his duties in strict conformity with the confessional basis of our Synod.

(*e*) Our pastors shall lay this matter before their people at once, and report to the President of Concordia College without delay.

3. In regard to pastorates we recommend, that,

As this matter has already been referred to the Conference, they are urged to attend to it during this Synodical year and report to Synod.

4. Respecting the recommendation relative to family worship we recommend, that, notwithstanding the fact that many of our people recognize its importance and engage in it, our pastors shall endeavor, as much as lieth in them, to make it more nearly universal.

5. In relation to the recommendation of the President in regard to uniformity in worship, we recommend, that his suggestions be recognized as the sentiment of this Synod, and that the pastors and people give due attention to the matter.

6. In relation to the proposed general body referred to in the President's report, we beg leave to submit the following:

1. That this Synod ratify said Basis of union;

2. That it ratify the proposed Constitution.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we concur in the action of the Synods of Virginia and South Carolina, recommending a meeting of delegates in Roanoke City, in Virginia, on Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in May, 1886, or whenever the Southern General Synod shall meet, with the view to form the general body proposed.

2. That this Synod elect nine delegates—six clerical and three lay, to represent it at said meeting, and that their expenses be paid out of the treasury of the Synod.

3. That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the President of the Diet.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
J. R. PETERSON.

This report was adopted.

In reference to item No. 6, in relation to the adoption of the constitution of the proposed general Lutheran body, Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and A. L. Crouse requested, that it be stated in the records of this Synod that they approve the Constitution so far as it goes, but that they decline to vote for its adoption, because it is silent in regard to Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, Secret Societies, and Chiliasm.

The following were appointed delegates to the next meeting of the Diet: Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, P. C. Henkel, D. D., C. H. Bernheim, M. L. Little, and E. L. Lybrand; and Messrs. A. Koiner, A. Costner, and W. A. Meetze.

ALTERNATES: Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. S. Koiner, and J. K. Efird; and Messrs. Philip Killian, W. A. Mauney, and C. M. Efird.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

In so far as we are able to learn, we, your committee, submit the following statements:

In view of the whole ground of our church work, we think we are able to report considerable progress; though there are some things not as they should be. Progress, however, in the right direction, seems still to be moving on.

We learn, that in the State of Va., church work is moving on prosperously, notwithstanding the meagre supply of ministers. The congregations in Virginia, during the past year, have manifested great liberality in contributing for the upbuilding of Concordia College at Conover, as far as opportunity was given to them. South Carolina, in this respect, has also responded most nobly to the call made on them for our College.

Concordia College, as well as the Tennessee Synod (under whose care it is), express their thanks to the kind donors for their Christian liberality. Rather let God be praised for this work.

The churches in South Carolina seem to be in a prosperous condition generally.

In the State of North Carolina, the church is in her usual state of prosperity. We think peace and harmony are generally prevailing, as well as an encouraging degree of prosperity.

In all three of the States, however, with probably some small excep-

tions, the ministers are not supported in their work as they should be, so as to enable them to devote their whole time to the work of the church. This should not be so.

In all the three States, the number of ministers is too small to accomplish what should be done in our now organized congregations.—There are prospects, however, for a better supply, but this is not as large as it should be; doubtless, because it is seen that a minister must have more than ordinary muscular power, and brain too, so as to enable him to labor with his hands in some secular calling, such as farming, or teaching school, &c., in order to supplement his salary. Very few can do this long, and fill their office in ministerial work as necessarily it should be done. Even such as may be able to labor in this way successfully, could do infinitely more if they could be sustained in the work. It is hoped the congregations, or churches, will prayerfully study this matter, and change it by coming up to their duty fully in contributing to the interests of the church, and thus be instrumental in blessing themselves and their children, as well as the community at large. The prosperity of the church puts the stamp valuation on all our earthly possessions.—Without Christianity in the land our property is worth little or nothing; safety for life and property would be wanting; and what is infinitely above all, the chances for eternal life and salvation would be wanting.

We are glad to know though, that, in general benevolence, many of our people have made praiseworthy progress; still of the whole number who claim membership this number is small. It is very sadly deplorable, to know that a great number, claiming membership, really give nothing at all, even to support their pastor. They should *not be compelled* to do otherwise, as, in this event, they would only pay for their own condemnation.

If possible, however, their eyes should be opened, so as to enable them to see that they are entirely dead in sin, and that the Gospel is to them the savior of death unto death. Should such be compelled to pay money or anything else for such a result? We answer, No! No! Never!—This state of darkness, if it cannot be removed by the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, will have to remain. In the person of the Christian there is a willing and cheerful disposition to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. God loves a cheerful giver.

If possible each congregation should have its own Pastor, so that all the families in the charge might be visited from time to time,—family worship introduced in every family—the children of the church trained to realize the benefit of church life, for both time and eternity.

A word to all. Let all come up to their duty, that it may be truly said: Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all

men: *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart."—2 Cor. 3, 2, 3.

P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD.

This report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Ordination.

We, the Committee on Ordination, have examined Robert H. Cline with a view to ordination to the office of pastor, and find him qualified to perform the functions of that office, and recommend him to be ordained accordingly. Respectfully submitted, P. C. HENKEL,
J. R. PETERSON,
J. C. MOSER.

Synod adopted this report and sustained the recommendation; and appointed Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., J. M. Smith, and R. A. Yoder a committee to ordain Bro. R. H. Cline, at such a time and place as may be most convenient to all concerned.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, would respectfully report the following:

No. 1 is a petition from the members of Mt. Pleasant Church, Watauga Co., N. C., for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of Brother R. H. Cline to the office of pastor—asking for his services. We recommend that the request of these petitioners be complied with.

No. 2 is a petition from the members of E. L. Church, near Jacksonville, Calhoun Co., Ala., who were formerly served by Rev. D. A. Sox whose services were appreciated. We recommend that said petition be read before Synod, and that Synod take such action in the matter as she may think best.

No. 3 is a petition from the congregation at College Chapel, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., asking to be received in connection with this Synod. We recommend that their request be granted.

No. 4 is a petition from St. John's, Catawba Co., N. C., asking for the next session of our Synod to be held in their church.

No. 5 is a petition from College Chapel, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., also asking for the Synod to be held there next year.

No. 6 is a petition from Grace Church, Catawba Co., N. C., also asking for Synod to be held at that place at its next convention.

No. 7 is a petition from St. James, Catawba Co., N. C., asking that Synod meet in St. James at her next meeting.

No. 8 is a letter from S. S. Rahn, corresponding delegate from the S. C. Synod. We recommend that this letter be read before Synod.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. Geo. H. Cox from the Holston Synod, Tenn., corresponding delegate from said synod, in which he sends his excuse for his absence from this session of our Synod.

No. 10 is a letter from D. J. Settlemyer, asking to be excused for his non-attendance at this meeting of Synod, on account of bodily afflictions of himself and his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this Synod on the ground of feeble health. We also recommend that he be excused.

No. 12 is a letter from J. W. Hausenfluck, also asking to be excused for his absence from this Synod for the want of means. We recommend that he be not excused.

No. 13 is a letter from Rev. L. A. Bikle, also asking to be excused for his non-attendance at this Synod for the want of means and other reasons. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 14 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, asking to be excused from attending Synod on the ground that he has not at this time any regular charge and for other reasons. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 15 is a report from Rev. T. Moser in which he states that his churches voted unanimously in favor of districting the Synod.

No. 16 is a report of a committee of Bethlehem congregation, Augusta Co., Va., in which they report unfavorable in regard to districting our Synod at the present time.

No. 17 is a letter from I. Conder, McGaheysville, Va., in which he presents several matters. We recommend that his letter be read before this Synod and several items in the letter be acted upon.

No. 18 is a telegram from Revs. S. Henkel and Stirewalt in which they send a reason for their being absent at this meeting of Synod, and we recommend that they be excused.

No. 19 is a petition from the members of St. Michael's Church, Cleburne Co., Ala., in which they ask for a Minister and also pecuniary aid to sustain him.

No. 20 is a petition from Holy Trinity Church, Hickory, N. C.,

praying for the next convention of Synod to be held in their church.

No. 21 is a letter from J. I. Miller, Luray, Va., in which he assigns a reason for his absence during this meeting of our Synod, together with other items which properly belong to other committees. The reason assigned for his absence is the want of time, the expense of traveling, and bad health of his son. We recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX,
J. A. RUDISILL,
G. M. YODER.

This report was received and considered item by item:

Item 1. Adopted, and recommendation of committee sustained.

Item 2. Recommendation complied with, and letter was read before Synod, and, on motion, was referred to Committee on Missions.

Item 3. Recommendation sustained; and secretary ordered to place the congregation on our Church Register.

Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 20. All petitions for next convention of Synod were considered, and College Chapel congregation, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., was chosen as the place for the next convention of Synod. Time for next meeting of Synod: Saturday, 10 A. M., before first full moon in Nov., 1886.

Items 8 and 9. Adopted, and letters read; and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved 1, That we regret that these brethren have been unable to be with us, and that we heartily reciprocate the kindly greetings expressed by them towards our body.

Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Adopted, and Revs. D. J. Settlemire, T. Moser, L. A. Bikle, and J. S. Koiner, were excused. Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck not excused.

Items 15 and 16. Considered, and reports referred to the special committees on districting Synod.

Item 17. Adopted, and letter read. Rev. I. Conder was not excused.

On motion, the secretary was required to complete the

roll of congregations and preaching stations, and have it published in the Minutes.

Item 18. Adopted, and Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. P. Stirewalt excused for non-attendance.

Item 19. Considered, and letter referred to Committee on Missions.

Item 21. Adopted. Rev. J. I. Miller excused.

Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., J. N. Stirewalt, D. A. Goodman, were not excused.

Revs. H. Wetzel and W. P. Cline were excused.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, submit the following:

(1) On page 7, we find that Rev. A. L. Crouse was appointed to collect funds to erect a monument at the grave of Rev. Ambrose Henkel in Va. Has this been done?

(2) On same page, we find that Rev. J. M. Smith was appointed to collect funds to erect a monument at the grave of Rev. Philip Henkel, in Randolph Co., N. C. Has he done this?

(3) On page 10, we find a committee appointed, consisting of Revs. M. L. Little and S. Henkel, to prepare an ordination certificate. Have they discharged their duty?

(4) On same page, we find a committee continued from the Minutes of '83, to confer with similar committees from other Lutheran bodies in the South, with a view of appointing a time and place for the convention of a Diet, looking to the unification of all Lutherans in the South. Has this committee acted?

(5) Also on page 10, we find a resolution requiring the Treasurer of the Evan. Luth. Tenn. Synod, to pay the expenses of the delegation to the Diet, and that each pastor in connection with the Tenn. Synod take up collections in each of his congregations in order to replace in the treasury the amount used for this purpose. Has this been complied with?

(6) On page 15, we find a committee appointed to continue the publication of the Book of Concord. What has this committee to report?

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. SOX,
R. H. CLINE,
P. C. WIKE.

Report received and considered item by item.

Item 1. Complied with, and the Committee, Rev. A. L. Crouse, submitted his report.

Report of Committee on the Ambrose Henkel Monument.

Your committee begs leave to report, that a suitable stone has been erected at the grave of the late Rev. Ambrose Henkel, in Emmanuel Church-yard, New Market, Va. It bears a suitable inscription. The money to the amount of $82.05 was contributed by members of the Church in the Valley of Virginia, and has been expended in paying for and setting up the monument. A small balance was paid by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., thus leaving the work without debt. Your committee respectfully asks to be discharged from further attention to this matter.

A. L. CROUSE.

Item 2. Nothing done; the committee, Rev. J. M. Smith, relieved, and Rev. M. L. Fox appointed in his place, to collect funds and have a suitable stone erected at the grave of the Rev. Philip Henkel.

Item 3. Complied with, and the Committee, Rev. M. L. Little, submitted his report.

Form of Ordination Certificate.

Your Committee on Ordination Certificate, beg leave to submit the following form, as a suitable one:

IN NOMINE JESU. AMEN.

To all Christians Greeting, Know that

.....

of.....

having received a call from.....

.....*congregations*

and having given Evidence of the possession of adequate acquirements in THEOLOGY; *and presented authenticated testimonials in regard to his Christian Character, having, furthermore, publicly and solemnly bound himself to the* DOCTRINES *of our* EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, *as laid down in our ecclesiastical* CONFESSIONS, *and also taken upon himself the vow, to devote, with conscientious fidelity, his time and energies to the sacred office of the* GOSPEL MINISTRY, *has, by the* LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER, *according to the Order of the Church, been solemnly* ORDAINED *and* CONSECRATED *to the* OFFICE OF PASTOR *of the* EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, *on the*.....

..... *day of*.....

A. D.....*at*.....

IN WITNESS WHEREOF *we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Seal of the*.....

to be affixed.

Done at.....*this*.....*day of*.....

A. D.....

.....*President.*

.....*Secretary.*

.....*Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. LITTLE.

The above form was adopted by Synod, and the Secretary was ordered to have one hundred copies printed, and draw on the treasurer of Synod for the amount of the cost.

Item 4. Complied with.

Item 5. Complied with by some of the pastors.

By request of Maj. H. A. Meetze, the amount of his expenses to the Diet, as delegate from this Synod, was ordered to be paid over by the treasurer of Synod into the Beneficiary fund.

Item 6. The Committee, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., not being present to report, he was continued.

Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following report:

Viewing the mission in Alabama a very important work with its hope of success in the very near future, we deem it essential that Rev. D. A. Sox return thither, laboring as he does with very great efficiency, and that he, by the direction of this Synod, be relieved of the call to the churches in the Valley of Virginia.

M. L. FOX,
C. H. BERNHEIM,
C. M. EFIRD.

Report adopted, and recommendation sustained.

Report of Committee on Church Institutions.

We, your Committee on Church Institutions, beg leave to submit the following report:

From the various papers in the hands of the Committee concerning Concordia College, we are glad to learn of its healthy condition. We herewith submit the following reports:

Report of the President of the Board; Report of the President of the Faculty; Report of the Visiting Committee.

We have also in our hands the resignation of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., as President of Concordia College. We recommend that this Synod accept the same, and recommend as his successor Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER.
A. L. CROUSE,
AARON YORK.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College.

Upon the whole the Board can report favorably upon the condition of this Institution. Through the zealous labors of Prof. C. H. Bernheim, our Financial Agent, the finances are improving. The small debt on our dormitory is being rapidly paid off. Much needed improvements have been begun. Our buildings will soon be much better arranged and furnished, than they have been, for conducting successfully and conveniently the work of teaching.

Our teachers are, we believe, giving general satisfaction, and are doing thorough work in the school-room. The students are making very satisfactory progress, and their deportment is in general excellent.

We cannot report as large a number of pupils as some institutions that enroll on their catalogues the pupils of public schools conducted in their connection, yet the high school and college departments of our school make a favorable showing in numbers for a young institution.

The Board has continued, by recent action, Rev. Prof. C. H. Bernheim as financial agent, and we ask that this action be endorsed by Synod, that he may continue his labors, until our school be as thoroughly equipped for her work as best institutions of the land.

J. M. SMITH, Sec.

Report of the President of Concordia College,

Located at Conover, Catawba County, N. C.

Conover, Catawba Co., N. C.,
October 30, 1885.

As it is made my duty, by resolution of the Ev. Luth. Tenn. Synod, annually to report the moral and literary condition of this school to Synod, I submit the following:

I take pleasure in stating that the moral and literary condition of the school is good and very commendable. The school is in a prosperous condition, and the prospects for the future are bright and encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
President of the Faculty.

Report of the Visiting Committee.

We a committee chosen at the last convention of the E. L. Tenn. Synod, to visit Concordia College during the present Synodical year, and make a report as to the condition and prosperity of the school at this meeting of Synod, beg leave to submit the following, viz.:

We have complied with the duty assigned us as far as practicable.

We have visited the school, and are happy to report that its condition is good.

We found the Professors all laboring diligently and successfully in imparting instruction to their pupils in the various classes.

We also find the school in a prosperous condition: Well attended with students, with a proper respect and regard existing between both teachers and pupils, and, so far as we were able to judge, all things pertaining to the school, are working together in perfect harmony.

We find, however, a deficiency in regard to a Theological teacher, which will be felt more in the future than it has been in the past, if that deficiency be not soon supplied.

We would therefore call the attention of Synod to this subject, and recommend that she take such action in regard to this matter as she in her wisdom may think best.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
M. L. FOX,
J. K. EFIRD.

Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the acceptance of the resignation of Rev. P. C. Henkel, as President of Concordia College, by this Synod, it does so with regret and only under a sense of duty which is due under statements and representations made by him; and, in parting with him, the Synod desires to express its most hearty thanks for the sacrifices which he has made gratuitously for the institution, and prays God's richest blessings upon him.

Revs. M. L. Fox and J. R. Peterson were appointed a committee to visit Concordia College, and report to the next convention of Synod.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Treasurer's Report have examined the Report of said Treasurer, and find the same correct.

M. L. LITTLE,
G. M. WAGNER,
F. A. YOUNT.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

J. C. MOSER, TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

1884.		Dr.
To balance on hand as per report made to Synod, Sept. 29, 1884,— see Minutes page 11.		$ 34 23
Oct. 9,	To amount from Rev. S. Henkel, Assistant Treasurer	160 00
Oct. 12,	To cash from Rev. J. S. Koiner's charge	4 00
" 20,	" " " Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge— Sharon, $12 50; St. Martin's, $8 27	20 77
Oct. 20,	" cash of Rev. J. C. Moser's, charge— Newton, $3 51; Zion, $9 24; Holy Trinity, $4 00; Concordia, $23 00; St. John's, $4 75	44 50
Nov. 14,	" cash of Rev. T. Moser's charge— St. Martin's, Stanley, $3 00; St. Martin's, Cabarrus, $5 35	8 35
Dec. 10,	" cash of Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge— Zion, $10 00; Cedar Grove, $4 75; St. Paul's, $4 50; St. James, $3 75	23 00
1885.		
Jan. 25,	" cash of Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge— St. Andrew's, $4 00; St. Peter's, $3 35; Emmanuel's, $1 65	9 00
Feb. 21,	" cash of Rev. J. S. Koiner's charge	8 00
March 6,	" " " Rev. D. J. Settlemyre's charge— Mt. Moriah, $14 15; Phanuel's, $5 00; St. Mark's, $1 90; Morning Star, $7 00; Emmanuel, $1 95	30 00
" 14,	" cash of Rev. S. Henkel	11 00
April 1,	" " " Rev. J. M. Smith's charge— St. Paul's, $4 50; Bethel, $1 25	5 75
June 11,	" cash of Rev. L. A. Bikle's charge, Philadelphia	10 00
July 4,	" " " Rev. D. A. Sox's charge	7 00
Aug. 30,	" " " Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge	20 00
Oct. 29,	" " " Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge, Phila.	10 00
" 29,	" " " Rev. L. A. Bikle's charge, St. Matthew	10 00
		$415 60

1884.		Cr.
Oct. 23,	By cash to W. A. Boyte	$55 00
Nov. 25,	" P. C. Wike	40 00
Nov. 28,	" D. M. Moser	30 00
Dec. 24,	" J. P. Price	40 00

1884.			
Feb. 21,	By cash to	W. A. Boyte	$25 00
March 17,	"	P. C. Wike	25 00
April 1,	"	J. P. Price	25 00
May 19,	"	P. C. Wike	25 00
May 23,	"	W. A. Boyte	20 00
July 4,	"	J. P. Price	15 00
July 15,	"	P. C. Wike	30 00
Oct. 21,	"	W. L. Darr	40 00
Oct. 23,	"	N. G. Deal	35 00
			$405 00
Oct. 29.	By balance in my hands		10 60
			$415 60

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,

TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND OF E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Report of Assistant Treasurer Beneficiary Fund—Oct. 29, 1885.

1884.		
Sept. 30,	To amount on hand at settlement with Synod at said date,	$115.00
1884.		
Sept. 30,	To amount from St. Mark's, Rev. J. I. Miller's charge,	12.50
" "	" " from Rev. I. Conder's charge	12.30
" "	To amount from Rev. S. Henkel's charge— Emmanuel, $8.40; Mt. Zion, $4.13; Zion's, $3.02.	15.50
Sept. 30,	To amount from Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox's charge	4.50
" "	To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge— Mt. Calvary, $3.08; Morning Star, $2.00	5.08
Sept. 30,	To amount from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge— St. Paul's, $5.28; Solomon's, $8.64; Powder Spring, $4.95; St. Mary's, $6.00	24.87
Sept. 30,	To am't, balance, left from Rev. J. S. Bennick's Monument	9.69
	Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's charge—	
Sept. 30,	To amount from Alma, $1.40	5.40
Oct. 11,	To amount from St. Paul's, $4.00	
" 28,	" " " Rader's, J. P. Stirewalt's charge	7.48
Dec. 16,	" " " Mt. Nebo, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge	3.00
1885.		
Jan. 26,	To amount from Bethlehem, Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge	5.55
May 23,	" " from Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel	1.00
Oct. 19,	" " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Mt. Zion	3.04
" 17,	" " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Zion	3.00
" 27,	" " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Emmanuel's	10.00
Oct. 26,	To amount from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge— Rader's, $10.00; Solomon's, $4.32; Powder Spring, $4.52; St. Mary's, $3.00; St. Paul's, $3.40	25.24
		$263.15

1884.		Cr.
Oct. 25,	By am't paid or sent to Rev. J. C. Moser,	$160.00
1885.		
Jan. 2,	By am't paid Beneficiary, D. I. Offman, per order of President.....	40.00
Mar. 14,	By am't paid Treasurer, J. C. Moser.....	11.00
		$211.00
	Amt. to balance, due Beneficiary Treasurer....	52.15
		$263.15
	On hand.....	$52.15

Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

Report of Delegate to Holston Synod.

On Friday, 21st of August, 1885, I left my residence at Conover, in company with Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown, and we landed on Saturday morning at the place appointed for the meeting of the Evan. Luth. Holston Synod, viz., in Solomon's Church, Greene Co., Tenn. I was very kindly received by all the members of this Synod, and so treated by all, during the Synod's sessions.

As your delegate I was cordially and unanimously recognized. The usual greetings passed,—the Synod transacted her business with much dispatch, an account of which was published in *Our Church Paper.*

Many have been the trials, conflicts, and battles of the old Tenn. Synod, which led me, with great pleasure, to allude to the able defence made, time and again, by Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., for the Synod while he was a member of the same. He came into her connection at a very critical and trying period, and was the only man in the Carolinas, at that time, who was able successfully to defend her, in her truly Lutheran position.

In the Holston Synod, we are very much reminded of the old Tenn. Synod. I, however, felt myself much embarrassed in the higher act of fellowship, which I was not able to render; not on account of anything I saw or heard during her sessions.

My views and feelings are extensively known in the Church in regard to the "*Four Points,*" especially one of the points, viz., Secret Society worship and its plan of salvation. In regard to its form of worship, it is certainly Atheistic; and, in regard to its plan of salvation, it undermines the great central doctrine of Justification by Faith.

I am truly glad to know that Dr. A. J. Brown and other ministers of this Synod, are not in antagonism with me in regard to this, to me, very

annoying and painful corruption, into which many excellent and well meaning men have fallen.

This Synod appointed Rev. Prof. Geo. H. Cox as delegate to this Synod. P. C. HENKEL.

Report of the Corresponding Delegate to the S. C. Synod.

As your delegate corresponding with the S. C. Synod, I beg leave to report, that it has met twice since our last session. The first meeting I did not attend for want of time and means, but sent a letter bearing the fraternal greetings of this body. I learned from individual members, and also from the proceedings of said Synod, that my letter received a hearty recognition, and that a delegate was appointed to attend this session of our Synod. The last meeting, which was but one week ago at Lexington C. H., I did not attend, on account of press of business, and sent no letter because I did not think myself properly the delegate for that meeting, not having had any correspondence from the S. C. Synod since the last from the Tennessee Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. EFIRD.

Rev. E. L. Lybrand was appointed corresponding delegate to the South Carolina Synod and Rev. J. K. Efird, alternate.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, to the North Carolina Synod and Rev. M. L. Little, alternate.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, to the Virginia Synod and Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, alternate.

Rev. J. A. Rudisill, to the Holston Synod and Rev. D. J. Suttlemire, alternate.

Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and J. M. Smith were appointed a committee to meet a similar committee from the South Carolina Synod, to try and adjust the difficulties in St. John's congregation, Lexington Co., S. C.

The secretary was ordered to communicate this action of Synod to the secretary of the South Carolina Synod.

Report of Committee on Districting Synod.

Your committee, to whom was referred the papers relative to districting the Synod, would beg leave to report that, in view of the fact, that there is most probably to be effected a union of all the churches in

the South through the medium of the Southern Luth. Diet, and also from the very meagre reports of all the churches in the Synod relative to this matter, the majority having sent no reports at all, we would say that the present time is inopportune, and we would therefore advise the postponement of the districting of the Synod to the future development of the Church.

Very respectfully,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
HENRY A. MEETZE.

Report adopted.

Our Beneficiary Work—Appropriations and Resolutions.

The following appropriations were made: To J. P. Price, $100.00; W. L. Darr, $60.00; N. G. Deal, $60.00—subject to the approval of Examining Committee in N. C.; D. M. Moser, $60.00; P. C. Wike, $60.00; D. I. Offman, $35.00.

Resolved, That our beneficiaries and students of theology shall neither preach nor absent themselves from their recitations without special permission of the faculty of Concordia College, and that we advise that they preach not more than once a month.

Resolved, That the officers of each church within our bounds be requested to see, that each member of their congregation and Sunday school pay at least 5 cents per annum into the beneficiary fund.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of Minutes of this convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each general body of Lutherans in this country, one copy; and the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence, one copy each; our institutions of learning, one copy each; our Lutheran publications, two copies each; and our beneficiaries, one copy each.

Resolved, That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, to arrange for the Sunday school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That we express our sincere and hearty thanks to the members of this congregation and citizens for the kind hospitality we have enjoyed during our sojourn among them, and pray that the blessing of God may rest upon them.

R. A. YODER, SECRETARY.

STONYMAN, PAGE CO., VIRGINIA.

HENKEL & CO., I understand you have the printing of the Minutes of the late session of the E. L. Tenn. Synod. As my report as Treasurer failed to reach Synod, I therefore send it to you for insertion, and hope the next convention of Synod will appoint a committee to examine the same. Yours most respectfully,

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER.

Treasurer's Report.

STONYMAN, PAGE CO., VA., OCT. 31, 1885.

J. N. STIREWALT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Oct. 31, 1885, Balance on hand from last year		$72 19
Sept. 28, 1884, To amt. paid in for Minutes		42 60
" for advertisements		7 75
Total amount		$122 54
Nov. 29, 1884, By amount paid Henkel & Co. for printing, mailing, and expressing 1000 Ten. Syn. Min.	$65 89	
Balance in hands of Treasurer		$56 65

Diet Receipts and Expenses.

Nov. 12, 1884, To amt. from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge	$13 50
Nov. 26, 1884, " " A. L. Crouse's "	4 40
" " " J. N. Stirewalt's "	4 13
Jan. 9, 1885, " " M. L. Little's "	4 50
Feb. 7, 1885, " " J. I. Miller's "	4 50
" " " J. S. Koiner's "	3 30
" " " J. C. Moser's "	4 00
Total amount received	$38 33

Rev. P. C. Henkel's expenses to Diet	$ 3 25	
" A. L. Crouse's " "	14 95	
" M. L. Little's " "	6 25	
" J. S. Koiner's " "	12 95	
" S. Henkel's " "	17 50	
Jan. 28, 1885, P'd Rev. L. L. Smith for printing Diet Min.	8 10	
" " Paid for four postal orders	44	
Total cost	$63 44	
To Diet Expenses in excess of receipts		$25 11
		$63 44
Bal. in hand of Treasurer	$31 54	
Amt. in hand of Henkel & Co.	20 83	
Total amount due Synod		$52 37

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER.

MINISTERS.	Entered Ministry.	Congregations	Communicants.	Souls.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.
Rev. P. C. Henkel	1843	4	780	1800	...	97	2	...	48	...	2	6	...	...	$ 1.30	$12.75	$ 250.00	...
" J. R. Peterson	1843	4	178	368	1	8	5	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4.00	20.00	250.00	...
" T. Moser	1844	3	120	260	1	10	5	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" S. Henkel	1850	2	254	512	8	14	18	...	24	..	1	7	50	...	4.00	16.04	...	...
" C. H. Bernheim	1855	2	254	506	1	13	25	1	8	...	...	...	...	1	2.20	11.09	270.00	$ 9.60
" J. M. Smith	1856	2	200	...	...	48	33	...	23	...	1	...	...	...	1.50	4.00	150.00	100.00
" I. Conder	1861	4	127	185	2	6	4	...	2	...	2	...	45	...	1.00	...	250.00	...
" J. N. Stirewalt	1871	5	429	729	5	27	22	...	12	...	5	32	235	...	3.90	3.03	...	75.00
" M. L. Fox	1871	3	120	300	1	6	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	1.20	4.25	100.00	...
" A. L. Crouse	1871	1	91	153	6	8	20	4	6	...	1	15	95	...	.30	20.00	228.00	35.00
" J. P. Stirewalt	1873	5	725	1125	19	60	70	4	30	...	2	10	100	...	7.30	25.24	500.00	...
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Saturday, 10, A. M., Oct. 31—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, 1 Cor. 16, 13.

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Sunday, 7, P. M., Nov. 1—St. Stephen's, Lexington, Rev. R. A. Yoder, Luke 15, 2.

Monday, 12, M., Nov. 2—Rev. M. L. Little, Rev. 3, 11.

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Tuesday, 7, P. M., Nov. 3—Rev. J. M. Smith, 2 Tim. 2, 19.

Wednesday, 12, M., Nov. 4—Rev. J. M. Smith, Mark 16, 15, 16.

Thursday night, St. James Church, at Summit—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Num. 10, 29.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met in St. Peter's Church, Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor, Lexington Co., S. C., on Saturday, 10 A. M., Oct. 31, 1885, and continued its sessions until Wednesday, 5 P. M., Nov. 4, 1885.

The President, Rev. C. H. Bernheim, preached the synodical sermon from 1 Cor. 16, 13.

The following pastors and lay-delegates, were present at the organization, or appeared during the proceedings:

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The President read his report which was received.

President's Report.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod:

Dear Brethren: Another synodical year is numbered with the past. Its lost opportunities for doing good and extending the Redeemer's kingdom cannot be retrieved. Of whatever neglect or remissness of duty we have been guilty, we should endeavor through the help of our heavenly Father to be more vigilant and faithful in the future. Our stewardship will soon cease, and we must give an account as those who watch for souls. God in his merciful providence has spared our lives, and the ranks of our ministry remain unbroken.

During the year I gave orders on the Treasurer of the Beneficiary fund in favor of our beneficiaries, viz.: W. A. Boyte, P. C. Wike, D. M. Moser, D. I. Offman, J. P. Price, N. G. Deal, and W. L. Darr, for the several amounts appropriated for the benefit of each.

On Nov. 6, 1884, I sent on the name of Rev. L. A. Bikle, D. D., to the Secretary, to be entered on our clerical roll, as advised by the Committee on Examination.

Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, through his acceptance of the position to which he was elected in "Concordia College," has made vacant the charge which he served in So. Ca., one of which churches, St. Jacob's, is supplied with preaching this year by Rev. J. K. Efird.

I received a letter from Rev. D. A. Sox, bearing date of June 24th, notifying me, that he has resigned the church in Alabama, and accepted a call to the vacant churches in the Valley of Virginia, in Shenandoah Co.

Valle Crucis and Mt. Pleasant churches, in Watauga Co., N. C., are now served very acceptably by Mr. R. H. Cline.

During the year I have had correspondence with Rev. J. Steck, D. D., President of the So. Ca. Synod with a view of establishing peace between the litigants of St. John's church, and taking the matter out of court. Nothing has yet been done, by reason of both of us being much absent from home, laboring in the same work for our several colleges.

I recommend that his last letter be read, and that a committee be appointed by this Synod, to meet a like committee of the S. C. Synod, in order to establish peace in this congregation.

1. I would recommend, that Synod elect a Theological Professor, to labor conjointly with the Faculty of "Concordia College," that our young men, having the ministry in view, may, with their literary course, also receive a theological training *at home*. Synod will provide a way by a special assessment upon all the churches for the support of said professor.

2. I also recommend, that all of our churches in the bounds of our Synod be laid off and established into pastorates, for the more efficient and successful church work, and that these charges remain unchanged, when so constructed, except by the voice of Synod or Conference, in which such pastorates be located.

3. I further recommend, that an earnest, faithful, and persevering effort be made by all of our pastors, to introduce family prayer in all of our congregations, and they make special effort by sermons, example, and otherwise to lead our congregations into this grace, that the standard of piety may be elevated among us, and that we may not "hold the truth of God in unrighteousness."

4. I also recommend, that we all observe "Uniformity of Worship," as it is directed in the "Church Book," that there be no divisions amongst us in this matter, and we become more united, and that thus we come in the "Unity of the Faith and Bond of Peace."

It is made my duty, as your presiding officer, to call your attention to the action of the "Southern Lutheran Diet," held in Salisbury, N. C., November 12-13, 1884. It has adopted a sound and true Lutheran Basis, viz.: The entire Symbols of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. It has also adopted a Constitution, which, though it may not be as full and complete as some would desire it, is nevertheless so far as it is, an excellent bond of union for all the churches in our Southland, and designed to bring us all together "in the unity of the Faith and bond of peace." It is presented to your consideration, and for action during this session of Synod.

I now return to you my sincere and hearty thanks for your partiality in having honored me as your presiding officer. I have served you to the best of my ability, though with much weakness and fear. The term of my office is expired, and I vacate the chair to a more worthy and efficient successor.

"And now may the God of peace make you perfect in every good work; to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

C. H. BERNHEIM.

Then followed an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of

REV. J. M. SMITH, - - - -	President.
REV. R. A. YODER, - - - -	Secretary.
REV. A. L. CROUSE, - - - -	Cor. Sec.
REV. J. K. EFIRD, - - - -	Treasurer.

The President appointed the following committees:

1. *On President's Report*—Revs. A. L. Crouse, J. R. Peterson, and Maj. H. A. Meetze.

2. *On State of the Church*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. K. Efird, and A. L. Crouse.

3. *On Examination*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. C. Moser, A. L. Crouse, J. N. Stirewalt, J. K. Efird, and E. L. Lybrand.

4. *On Ordination*—Revs. P. C. Henkel, J. R. Peterson. and J. C. Moser.

5. *On Letters and Petitions*—Revs. M. L. Fox, J. A. Rudisill, and G. M. Yoder, Esq.

6. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. D. A. Sox, R. H. Cline, and P. C. Wike.

7. *On Missions*—Revs. M. L. Fox, C. H. Bernheim, and Mr. C. M. Efird.

8. *Church Institutions*—Revs. R. A. Yoder, A. L. Crouse, and Mr. Aaron York.

9. *On Treasurer's Report*—Rev. M. L. Little, and Messrs. F. A. Yount and C. M. Wagner.

Rev. C. H. Bernheim and Maj. H. A. Meetze were appointed a committee to report on the matter of districting Synod.

All documents pertaining to Synod were now called for and handed over to the proper committees.

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

1. In reference to the litigation at St. John's, S. C., we recommend, that a committee, composed of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and Rev. J. M. Smith, be appointed, to meet a similar committee appointed by the S. C. Synod, to whom this whole matter shall be referred.

2 Recognizing the necessity of electing and sustaining a theological

professor at Concordia College for the present, we recommend, that

(*a*) Our congregations be requested to contribute annually not less than 12 cents *per capita*, which shall constitute a fund out of which the said professor shall be supported:

(*b*) The salary of the professor shall be $800 per annum;

(*c*) In the event that the fund will warrant it, the Board of Trustees of Concordia College shall employ such professor as early as Jan. 1st, 1886, or at the beginning of the next scholastic year, subject to the subsequent ratification of their action by Synod.

(*d*) Said professor shall be chosen from among the members of the Tennessee Synod, if possible; shall have been a pastor not less than ten years, and shall faithfully discharge his duties in strict conformity with the confessional basis of our Synod.

(*e*) Our pastors shall lay this matter before their people at once, and report to the President of Concordia College without delay.

3. In regard to pastorates we recommend, that,

As this matter has already been referred to the Conference, they are urged to attend to it during this Synodical year and report to Synod.

4. Respecting the recommendation relative to family worship we recommend, that, notwithstanding the fact that many of our people recognize its importance and engage in it, our pastors shall endeavor, as much as lieth in them, to make it more nearly universal.

5. In relation to the recommendation of the President in regard to uniformity in worship, we recommend, that his suggestions be recognized as the sentiment of this Synod, and that the pastors and people give due attention to the matter.

6. In relation to the proposed general body referred to in the President's report, we beg leave to submit the following:

1. That this Synod ratify said Basis of union;

2. That it ratify the proposed Constitution.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we concur in the action of the Synods of Virginia and South Carolina, recommending a meeting of delegates in Roanoke City, in Virginia, on Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in May, 1886, or whenever the Southern General Synod shall meet, with the view to form the general body proposed.

2. That this Synod elect nine delegates—six clerical and three lay, to represent it at said meeting, and that their expenses be paid out of the treasury of the Synod.

3. That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to the President of the Diet.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CROUSE,
HENRY A. MEETZE,
J. R. PETERSON.

This report was adopted.

In reference to item No. 6, in relation to the adoption of the constitution of the proposed general Lutheran body, Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and A. L. Crouse requested, that it be stated in the records of this Synod that they approve the Constitution so far as it goes, but that they decline to vote for its adoption, because it is silent in regard to Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, Secret Societies, and Chiliasm.

The following were appointed delegates to the next meeting of the Diet: Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., A. L. Crouse, P. C. Henkel, D. D., C. H. Bernheim, M. L. Little, and E. L. Lybrand; and Messrs. A. Koiner, A. Costner, and W. A. Meetze.

ALTERNATES: Revs. J. P. Stirewalt, J. S. Koiner, and J. K. Efird; and Messrs. Philip Killian, W. A. Mauney, and C. M. Efird.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church.

In so far as we are able to learn, we, your committee, submit the following statements:

In view of the whole ground of our church work, we think we are able to report considerable progress; though there are some things not as they should be. Progress, however, in the right direction, seems still to be moving on.

We learn, that in the State of Va., church work is moving on prosperously, notwithstanding the meagre supply of ministers. The congregations in Virginia, during the past year, have manifested great liberality in contributing for the upbuilding of Concordia College at Conover, as far as opportunity was given to them. South Carolina, in this respect, has also responded most nobly to the call made on them for our College.

Concordia College, as well as the Tennessee Synod (under whose care it is), express their thanks to the kind donors for their Christian liberality. Rather let God be praised for this work.

The churches in South Carolina seem to be in a prosperous condition generally.

In the State of North Carolina, the church is in her usual state of prosperity. We think peace and harmony are generally prevailing, as well as an encouraging degree of prosperity.

In all three of the States, however, with probably some small excep-

tions, the ministers are not supported in their work as they should be, so as to enable them to devote their whole time to the work of the church. This should not be so.

In all the three States, the number of ministers is too small to accomplish what should be done in our now organized congregations.—There are prospects, however, for a better supply, but this is not as large as it should be; doubtless, because it is seen that a minister must have more than ordinary muscular power, and brain too, so as to enable him to labor with his hands in some secular calling, such as farming, or teaching school, &c., in order to supplement his salary. Very few can do this long, and fill their office in ministerial work as necessarily it should be done. Even such as may be able to labor in this way successfully, could do infinitely more if they could be sustained in the work. It is hoped the congregations, or churches, will prayerfully study this matter, and change it by coming up to their duty fully in contributing to the interests of the church, and thus be instrumental in blessing themselves and their children, as well as the community at large. The prosperity of the church puts the stamp valuation on all our earthly possessions.—Without Christianity in the land our property is worth little or nothing; safety for life and property would be wanting; and what is infinitely above all, the chances for eternal life and salvation would be wanting.

We are glad to know though, that, in general benevolence, many of our people have made praiseworthy progress; still of the whole number who claim membership this number is small. It is very sadly deplorable, to know that a great number, claiming membership, really give nothing at all, even to support their pastor. They should *not be compelled* to do otherwise, as, in this event, they would only pay for their own condemnation.

If possible, however, their eyes should be opened, so as to enable them to see that they are entirely dead in sin, and that the Gospel is to them the savior of death unto death. Should such be compelled to pay money or anything else for such a result? We answer, No! No! Never!—This state of darkness, if it cannot be removed by the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ, will have to remain. In the person of the Christian there is a willing and cheerful disposition to promote the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. God loves a cheerful giver.

If possible each congregation should have its own Pastor, so that all the families in the charge might be visited from time to time,—family worship introduced in every family—the children of the church trained to realize the benefit of church life, for both time and eternity.

A word to all. Let all come up to their duty, that it may be truly said: Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all

men: *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart."—2 Cor. 3, 2, 3.

P. C. HENKEL,
A. L. CROUSE,
J. K. EFIRD.

This report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Ordination.

We, the Committee on Ordination, have examined Robert H. Cline with a view to ordination to the office of pastor, and find him qualified to perform the functions of that office, and recommend him to be ordained accordingly. Respectfully submitted, P. C. HENKEL.
J. R. PETERSON,
J. C. MOSER.

Synod adopted this report and sustained the recommendation; and appointed Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., J. M. Smith, and R. A. Yoder a committee to ordain Bro. R. H. Cline, at such a time and place as may be most convenient to all concerned.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions.

We, your Committee on Letters and Petitions, would respectfully report the following:

No. 1 is a petition from the members of Mt. Pleasant Church, Watauga Co., N. C., for the examination, and, if found qualified, the ordination of Brother R. H. Cline to the office of pastor—asking for his services. We recommend that the request of these petitioners be complied with.

No. 2 is a petition from the members of E. L. Church, near Jacksonville, Calhoun Co., Ala., who were formerly served by Rev. D. A. Sox whose services were appreciated. We recommend that said petition be read before Synod, and that Synod take such action in the matter as she may think best.

No. 3 is a petition from the congregation at College Chapel, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., asking to be received in connection with this Synod. We recommend that their request be granted.

No. 4 is a petition from St. John's, Catawba Co., N. C., asking for the next session of our Synod to be held in their church.

No. 5 is a petition from College Chapel, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., also asking for the Synod to be held there next year.

No. 6 is a petition from Grace Church, Catawba Co., N. C., also asking for Synod to be held at that place at its next convention.

No. 7 is a petition from St. James, Catawba Co., N. C., asking that Synod meet in St. James at her next meeting.

No. 8 is a letter from S. S. Rahn, corresponding delegate from the S. C. Synod. We recommend that this letter be read before Synod.

No. 9 is a letter from Rev. Geo. H. Cox from the Holston Synod, Tenn., corresponding delegate from said synod, in which he sends his excuse for his absence from this session of our Synod.

No. 10 is a letter from D. J. Settlemyer, asking to be excused for his non-attendance at this meeting of Synod, on account of bodily afflictions of himself and his family. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 11 is a letter from Rev. T. Moser, asking to be excused for non-attendance at this Synod on the ground of feeble health. We also recommend that he be excused.

No. 12 is a letter from J. W. Hausenfluck, also asking to be excused for his absence from this Synod for the want of means. We recommend that he be not excused.

No. 13 is a letter from Rev. L. A. Bikle, also asking to be excused for his non-attendance at this Synod for the want of means and other reasons. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 14 is a letter from Rev. Prof. J. S. Koiner, asking to be excused from attending Synod on the ground that he has not at this time any regular charge and for other reasons. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 15 is a report from Rev. T. Moser in which he states that his churches voted unanimously in favor of districting the Synod.

No. 16 is a report of a committee of Bethlehem congregation, Augusta Co., Va., in which they report unfavorable in regard to districting our Synod at the present time.

No. 17 is a letter from I. Conder, McGaheysville, Va., in which he presents several matters. We recommend that his letter be read before this Synod and several items in the letter be acted upon.

No. 18 is a telegram from Revs. S. Henkel and Stirewalt in which they send a reason for their being absent at this meeting of Synod, and we recommend that they be excused.

No. 19 is a petition from the members of St. Michael's Church, Cleburne Co., Ala., in which they ask for a Minister and also pecuniary aid to sustain him.

No. 20 is a petition from Holy Trinity Church, Hickory, N. C.,

praying for the next convention of Synod to be held in their church.

No. 21 is a letter from J. I. Miller, Luray, Va., in which he assigns a reason for his absence during this meeting of our Synod, together with other items which properly belong to other committees. The reason assigned for his absence is the want of time, the expense of traveling, and bad health of his son. We recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. FOX,
J. A. RUDISILL,
G. M. YODER.

This report was received and considered item by item:

Item 1. Adopted, and recommendation of committee sustained.

Item 2. Recommendation complied with, and letter was read before Synod, and, on motion, was referred to Committee on Missions.

Item 3. Recommendation sustained; and secretary ordered to place the congregation on our Church Register.

Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 20. All petitions for next convention of Synod were considered, and College Chapel congregation, Dallas, Gaston Co., N. C., was chosen as the place for the next convention of Synod. Time for next meeting of Synod: Saturday, 10 A. M., before first full moon in Nov., 1886.

Items 8 and 9. Adopted, and letters read; and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved 1, That we regret that these brethren have been unable to be with us, and that we heartily reciprocate the kindly greetings expressed by them towards our body.

Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Adopted, and Revs. D. J. Settlemire, T. Moser, L. A. Bikle, and J. S. Koiner, were excused. Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck not excused.

Items 15 and 16. Considered, and reports referred to the special committees on districting Synod.

Item 17. Adopted, and letter read. Rev. I. Conder was not excused.

On motion, the secretary was required to complete the

roll of congregations and preaching stations, and have it published in the Minutes.

Item 18. Adopted, and Revs. S. Henkel, D. D., and J. P. Stirewalt excused for non-attendance.

Item 19. Considered, and letter referred to Committee on Missions.

Item 21. Adopted. Rev. J. I. Miller excused.

Revs. L. A. Fox, D. D., J. N. Stirewalt, D. A. Goodman, were not excused.

Revs. H. Wetzel and W. P. Cline were excused.

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, submit the following:

(1) On page 7, we find that Rev. A. L. Crouse was appointed to collect funds to erect a monument at the grave of Rev. Ambrose Henkel in Va. Has this been done?

(2) On same page, we find that Rev. J. M. Smith was appointed to collect funds to erect a monument at the grave of Rev. Philip Henkel, in Randolph Co., N. C. Has he done this?

(3) On page 10, we find a committee appointed, consisting of Revs. M. L. Little and S. Henkel, to prepare an ordination certificate. Have they discharged their duty?

(4) On same page, we find a committee continued from the Minutes of '83, to confer with similar committees from other Lutheran bodies in the South, with a view of appointing a time and place for the convention of a Diet, looking to the unification of all Lutherans in the South. Has this committee acted?

(5) Also on page 10, we find a resolution requiring the Treasurer of the Evan. Luth. Tenn. Synod, to pay the expenses of the delegation to the Diet, and that each pastor in connection with the Tenn. Synod take up collections in each of his congregations in order to replace in the treasury the amount used for this purpose. Has this been complied with?

(6) On page 15, we find a committee appointed to continue the publication of the Book of Concord. What has this committee to report?

Respectfully submitted.

D. A. SOX,
R. H. CLINE,
P. C. WIKE.

Report received and considered item by item.

Item 1. Complied with, and the Committee, Rev. A. L. Crouse, submitted his report.

Report of Committee on the Ambrose Henkel Monument.

Your committee begs leave to report, that a suitable stone has been erected at the grave of the late Rev. Ambrose Henkel, in Emmanuel Church-yard, New Market, Va. It bears a suitable inscription. The money to the amount of $82.05 was contributed by members of the Church in the Valley of Virginia, and has been expended in paying for and setting up the monument. A small balance was paid by Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., thus leaving the work without debt. Your committee respectfully asks to be discharged from further attention to this matter.

A. L. CROUSE.

Item 2. Nothing done; the committee, Rev. J. M. Smith, relieved, and Rev. M. L. Fox appointed in his place, to collect funds and have a suitable stone erected at the grave of the Rev. Philip Henkel.

Item 3. Complied with, and the Committee, Rev. M. L. Little, submitted his report.

Form of Ordination Certificate.

Your Committee on Ordination Certificate, beg leave to submit the following form, as a suitable one:

IN NOMINE JESU. AMEN.

To all Christians Greeting, Know that

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of.....

having received a call from.....

.....*congregations and having given Evidence of the possession of adequate acquirements in* THEOLOGY; *and presented authenticated testimonials in regard to his Christian Character, having, furthermore, publicly and solemnly bound himself to the* DOCTRINES *of our* EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, *as laid down in our ecclesiastical* CONFESSIONS, *and also taken upon himself the vow, to devote, with conscientious fidelity, his time and energies to the sacred office of the* GOSPEL MINISTRY, *has, by the* LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER, *according to the Order of the Church, been solemnly* ORDAINED *and* CONSECRATED *to the* OFFICE OF PASTOR *of the* EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, *on the*.....

.....*day of*.....

A. D......*at*.....

IN WITNESS WHEREOF *we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Seal of the*.....

to be affixed.

Done at.....*this*.....*day of*.....

A. D......

.....*President.*

.....*Secretary.*

.....*Treasurer.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. LITTLE.

The above form was adopted by Synod, and the Secretary was ordered to have one hundred copies printed, and draw on the treasurer of Synod for the amount of the cost.

Item 4. Complied with.

Item 5. Complied with by some of the pastors.

By request of Maj. H. A. Meetze, the amount of his expenses to the Diet, as delegate from this Synod, was ordered to be paid over by the treasurer of Synod into the Beneficiary fund.

Item 6. The Committee, Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., not being present to report, he was continued.

Report of Committee on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following report:

Viewing the mission in Alabama a very important work with its hope of success in the very near future, we deem it essential that Rev. D. A. Sox return thither, laboring as he does with very great efficiency, and that he, by the direction of this Synod, be relieved of the call to the churches in the Valley of Virginia.

M. L. FOX,
C. H. BERNHEIM,
C. M. EFIRD.

Report adopted, and recommendation sustained.

Report of Committee on Church Institutions.

We, your Committee on Church Institutions, beg leave to submit the following report:

From the various papers in the hands of the Committee concerning Concordia College, we are glad to learn of its healthy condition. We herewith submit the following reports:

Report of the President of the Board; Report of the President of the Faculty; Report of the Visiting Committee.

We have also in our hands the resignation of Rev. P. C. Henkel, D. D., as President of Concordia College. We recommend that this Synod accept the same, and recommend as his successor Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. YODER,
A. L. CROUSE,
AARON YORK.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Concordia College.

Upon the whole the Board can report favorably upon the condition of this Institution. Through the zealous labors of Prof. C. H. Bernheim, our Financial Agent, the finances are improving. The small debt on our dormitory is being rapidly paid off. Much needed improvements have been begun. Our buildings will soon be much better arranged and furnished, than they have been, for conducting successfully and conveniently the work of teaching.

Our teachers are, we believe, giving general satisfaction, and are doing thorough work in the school-room. The students are making very satisfactory progress, and their deportment is in general excellent.

We cannot report as large a number of pupils as some institutions that enroll on their catalogues the pupils of public schools conducted in their connection, yet the high school and college departments of our school make a favorable showing in numbers for a young institution.

The Board has continued, by recent action, Rev. Prof. C. H. Bernheim as financial agent, and we ask that this action be endorsed by Synod, that he may continue his labors, until our school be as thoroughly equipped for her work as best institutions of the land.

J. M. SMITH, Sec.

Report of the President of Concordia College,

Located at Conover, Catawba County, N. C.

Conover, Catawba Co., N. C.,
October 30, 1885.

As it is made my duty, by resolution of the Ev. Luth. Tenn. Synod, annually to report the moral and literary condition of this school to Synod, I submit the following:

I take pleasure in stating that the moral and literary condition of the school is good and very commendable. The school is in a prosperous condition, and the prospects for the future are bright and encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. HENKEL,
President of the Faculty.

Report of the Visiting Committee.

We a committee chosen at the last convention of the E. L. Tenn. Synod, to visit Concordia College during the present Synodical year, and make a report as to the condition and prosperity of the school at this meeting of Synod, beg leave to submit the following, viz.:

We have complied with the duty assigned us as far as practicable.

We have visited the school, and are happy to report that its condition is good.

We found the Professors all laboring diligently and successfully in imparting instruction to their pupils in the various classes.

We also find the school in a prosperous condition: Well attended with students, with a proper respect and regard existing between both teachers and pupils, and, so far as we were able to judge, all things pertaining to the school, are working together in perfect harmony.

We find, however, a deficiency in regard to a Theological teacher, which will be felt more in the future than it has been in the past, if that deficiency be not soon supplied.

We would therefore call the attention of Synod to this subject, and recommend that she take such action in regard to this matter as she in her wisdom may think best.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MOSER,
M. L. FOX,
J. K. EFIRD.

Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the acceptance of the resignation of Rev. P. C. Henkel, as President of Concordia College, by this Synod, it does so with regret and only under a sense of duty which is due under statements and representations made by him; and, in parting with him, the Synod desires to express its most hearty thanks for the sacrifices which he has made gratuitously for the institution, and prays God's richest blessings upon him.

Revs. M. L. Fox and J. R. Peterson were appointed a committee to visit Concordia College, and report to the next convention of Synod.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Treasurer's Report.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Treasurer's Report have examined the Report of said Treasurer, and find the same correct.

M. L. LITTLE,
G. M. WAGNER,
F. A. YOUNT.

Report of Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

J. C. MOSER, Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund,
In Account with the
Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod.

1884.		Dr.
To balance on hand as per report made to Synod, Sept. 29, 1884,— see Minutes page 11.		$ 34 23
Oct. 9,	To amount from Rev. S. Henkel, Assistant Treasurer	160 00
Oct. 12,	To cash from Rev. J. S. Koiner's charge	4 00
" 20, "	" " Rev. C. H. Bernheim's charge— Sharon, $12 50; St. Martin's, $8 27	20 77
Oct. 20, "	cash of Rev. J. C. Moser's, charge— Newton, $3 51; Zion, $9 24; Holy Trinity, $4 00; Concordia, $23 00; St. John's, $4 75	44 50
Nov. 14, "	cash of Rev. T. Moser's charge— St. Martin's, Stanley, $3 00; St. Martin's, Cabarrus, $5 35	8 35
Dec. 10, "	cash of Rev. E. L. Lybrand's charge— Zion, $10 00; Cedar Grove, $4 75; St. Paul's, $4 50; St. James, $3 75	23 00
1885.		
Jan. 25, "	cash of Rev. J. A. Cromer's charge— St. Andrew's, $4 00; St. Peter's, $3 35; Emmanuel's, $1 65	9 00
Feb. 21, "	cash of Rev. J. S. Koiner's charge	8 00
March 6, "	" " Rev. D. J. Settlemyre's charge— Mt. Moriah, $14 15; Phanuel's, $5 00; St. Mark's, $1 90; Morning Star, $7 00; Emmanuel. $1 95.	30 00
" 14, "	cash of Rev. S. Henkel	11 00
April 1, "	" " Rev. J. M. Smith's charge— St. Paul's, $4 50; Bethel, $1 25	5 75
June 11, "	cash of Rev. L. A. Bikle's charge, Philadelphia	10 00
July 4, "	" " Rev. D. A. Sox's charge	7 00
Aug. 30, "	" " Rev. J. R. Peterson's charge	20 00
Oct. 29, "	" " Rev. D. A. Goodman's charge, Phila.	10 00
" 29, "	" " Rev. L. A. Bikle's charge, St. Matthew	10 00
		$415 60

1884.		Cr.
Oct. 23,	By cash to W. A. Boyte	$55 00
Nov. 25,	" P. C. Wike	40 00
Nov. 28,	" D. M. Moser	30 00
Dec. 24,	" J. P. Price	40 00

1884.			
Feb. 21,	By cash to	W. A. Boyte	$25 00
March 17,	"	P. C. Wike	25 00
April 1,	"	J. P. Price	25 00
May 19,	"	P. C. Wike	25 00
May 23,	"	W. A. Boyte	20 00
July 4,	"	J. P. Price	15 00
July 15,	"	P. C. Wike	30 00
Oct. 21,	"	W. L. Darr	40 00
Oct. 23,	"	N. G. Deal	35 00
			$405 00
Oct. 29,	By balance in my hands		10 60
			$415 60

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. MOSER,

TREASURER OF BENEFICIARY FUND OF E. L. TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Report of Assistant Treasurer Beneficiary Fund—Oct. 29, 1885.

1884.		
Sept. 30,	To amount on hand at settlement with Synod at said date	$115.00
1884.		
Sept. 30,	To amount from St. Mark's, Rev. J. I. Miller's charge,	12.50
" "	" " from Rev. I. Conder's charge	12.30
" "	To amount from Rev. S. Henkel's charge— Emmanuel, $8.40; Mt. Zion, $4.13; Zion's, $3.02.	15.50
Sept. 30,	To amount from Rev. Dr. M. L. Fox's charge	4.50
" "	To amount from Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge— Mt. Calvary, $3.08; Morning Star, $2.00	5.08
Sept. 30,	To amount from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge— St. Paul's, $5.28; Solomon's, $8.64; Powder Spring, $4.95; St. Mary's, $6.00	24.87
Sept. 30,	To am't, balance, left from Rev. J. S. Bennick's Monument	9.69
Sept. 30,	To amount from Alma, $1.40.	5.40
Oct. 11,	To amount from St. Paul's, $4.00	
" 28,	" " " Rader's, J. P. Stirewalt's charge	7.48
Dec. 16,	" " " Mt. Nebo, Rev. J. N. Stirewalt's charge	3.00
1885.		
Jan. 26,	To amount from Bethlehem, Rev. A. L. Crouse's charge	5.55
May 23,	" " from Mrs. Col. N. I. Henkel	1.00
Oct. 19,	" " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Mt. Zion	3.04
" 17,	" " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Zion	3.00
" 27,	" " " Rev. S. Henkel's charge—Emmanuel's	10.00
Oct. 26,	To amount from Rev. J. P. Stirewalt's charge— Rader's, $10.00; Solomon's, $4.32; Powder Spring, $4.52; St. Mary's, $3.00; St. Paul's, $3.40.	25.24
		$263.15

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1884.		
Oct. 25,	By am't paid or sent to Rev. J. C. Moser,	$160.00
1885.		
Jan. 2,	By am't paid Beneficiary, D. I. Offman, per order of President.....	40.00
Mar. 14,	By am't paid Treasurer, J. C. Moser.....	11.00
		$211.00
	Amt. to balance, due Beneficiary Treasurer....	52.15
		$263.15
	On hand.....	$52.15

Rev. Prof. J. C. Moser was re-elected Treasurer of Beneficiary Fund.

Report of Delegate to Holston Synod.

On Friday, 21st of August, 1885, I left my residence at Conover, in company with Rev. Dr. A. J. Brown, and we landed on Saturday morning at the place appointed for the meeting of the Evan. Luth. Holston Synod, viz., in Solomon's Church, Greene Co., Tenn. I was very kindly received by all the members of this Synod, and so treated by all, during the Synod's sessions.

As your delegate I was cordially and unanimously recognized. The usual greetings passed,—the Synod transacted her business with much dispatch, an account of which was published in *Our Church Paper.*

Many have been the trials, conflicts, and battles of the old Tenn. Synod, which led me, with great pleasure, to allude to the able defence made, time and again, by Rev. A. J. Brown, D. D., for the Synod while he was a member of the same. He came into her connection at a very critical and trying period, and was the only man in the Carolinas, at that time, who was able successfully to defend her, in her truly Lutheran position.

In the Holston Synod, we are very much reminded of the old Tenn. Synod. I, however, felt myself much embarrassed in the higher act of fellowship, which I was not able to render; not on account of anything I saw or heard during her sessions.

My views and feelings are extensively known in the Church in regard to the "*Four Points*," especially one of the points, viz., Secret Society worship and its plan of salvation. In regard to its form of worship, it is certainly Atheistic; and, in regard to its plan of salvation, it undermines the great central doctrine of Justification by Faith.

I am truly glad to know that Dr. A. J. Brown and other ministers of this Synod, are not in antagonism with me in regard to this, to me, very

annoying and painful corruption, into which many excellent and well meaning men have fallen.

This Synod appointed Rev. Prof. Geo. H. Cox as delegate to this Synod. P. C. HENKEL.

Report of the Corresponding Delegate to the S. C. Synod.

As your delegate corresponding with the S. C. Synod, I beg leave to report, that it has met twice since our last session. The first meeting I did not attend for want of time and means, but sent a letter bearing the fraternal greetings of this body. I learned from individual members, and also from the proceedings of said Synod, that my letter received a hearty recognition, and that a delegate was appointed to attend this session of our Synod. The last meeting, which was but one week ago at Lexington C. H., I did not attend, on account of press of business, and sent no letter because I did not think myself properly the delegate for that meeting, not having had any correspondence from the S. C. Synod since the last from the Tennessee Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. EFIRD.

Rev. E. L. Lybrand was appointed corresponding delegate to the South Carolina Synod and Rev. J. K. Efird, alternate.

Rev. R. A. Yoder, to the North Carolina Synod and Rev. M. L. Little, alternate.

Rev. A. L. Crouse, to the Virginia Synod and Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, alternate.

Rev. J. A. Rudisill, to the Holston Synod and Rev. D. J. Suttlemire, alternate.

Revs. P. C. Henkel, D. D., and J. M. Smith were appointed a committee to meet a similar committee from the South Carolina Synod, to try and adjust the difficulties in St. John's congregation, Lexington Co., S. C.

The secretary was ordered to communicate this action of Synod to the secretary of the South Carolina Synod.

Report of Committee on Districting Synod.

Your committee, to whom was referred the papers relative to districting the Synod, would beg leave to report that, in view of the fact, that there is most probably to be effected a union of all the churches in

the South through the medium of the Southern Luth. Diet, and also from the very meagre reports of all the churches in the Synod relative to this matter, the majority having sent no reports at all, we would say that the present time is inopportune, and we would therefore advise the postponement of the districting of the Synod to the future development of the Church.

Very respectfully,

C. H. BERNHEIM,
HENRY A. MEETZE.

Report adopted.

Our Beneficiary Work—Appropriations and Resolutions.

The following appropriations were made: To J. P. Price, $100.00; W. L. Darr, $60.00; N. G. Deal, $60.00—subject to the approval of Examining Committee in N. C.; D. M. Moser, $60.00; P. C. Wike, $60.00; D. I. Offman, $35.00.

Resolved, That our beneficiaries and students of theology shall neither preach nor absent themselves from their recitations without special permission of the faculty of Concordia College, and that we advise that they preach not more than once a month.

Resolved, That the officers of each church within our bounds be requested to see, that each member of their congregation and Sunday school pay at least 5 cents per annum into the beneficiary fund.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have a sufficient number of copies of Minutes of this convention of Synod printed, to supply the calls for them, and to furnish each minister of this Synod with three copies; each general body of Lutherans in this country, one copy; and the Synods with which this Synod is in correspondence, one copy each; our institutions of learning, one copy each; our Lutheran publications, two copies each; and our beneficiaries, one copy each.

Resolved, That it be made the duty of the President of Synod, to arrange for the Sunday school services, to be held on Sunday afternoon of each convention of Synod, by appointing a speaker or speakers, by assigning or suggesting subjects, and informing the speakers of their selection at least two months previous to each meeting of Synod.

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That we express our sincere and hearty thanks to the members of this congregation and citizens for the kind hospitality we have enjoyed during our sojourn among them, and pray that the blessing of God may rest upon them.

R. A. YODER, SECRETARY.

STONYMAN, PAGE CO., VIRGINIA.

HENKEL & CO., I understand you have the printing of the Minutes of the late session of the E. L. Tenn. Synod. As my report as Treasurer failed to reach Synod, I therefore send it to you for insertion, and hope the next convention of Synod will appoint a committee to examine the same. Yours most respectfully,

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER.

Treasurer's Report.

STONYMAN, PAGE CO., VA., OCT. 31, 1885.

J. N. STIREWALT IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD.

Oct. 31, 1885, Balance on hand from last year		$72 19
Sept. 28, 1884. To amt. paid in for Minutes		42 60
" for advertisements		7 75
Total amount		$122 54
Nov. 29, 1884, By amount paid Henkel & Co. for printing, mailing, and expressing 1000 Ten. Syn. Min.	$65 89	
Balance in hands of Treasurer		$56 65

Diet Receipts and Expenses.

Nov. 12, 1884, To amt. from Rev. P. C. Henkel's charge		$13 50
Nov. 26, 1884, " " A. L. Crouse's "		4 40
" " " J. N. Stirewalt's "		4 13
Jan. 9, 1885, " " M. L. Little's "		4 50
Feb. 7, 1885, " " J. I. Miller's "		4 50
" " " J. S. Koiner's "		3 30
" " " J. C. Moser's "		4 00
Total amount received		$38 33
Rev. P. C. Henkel's expenses to Diet	$ 3 25	
" A. L. Crouse's " "	14 95	
" M. L. Little's " "	6 25	
" J. S. Koiner's " "	12 95	
" S. Henkel's " "	17 50	
Jan. 28, 1885, P'd Rev. L. L. Smith for printing Diet Min.	8 10	
" " Paid for four postal orders	44	
Total cost	$63 44	
To Diet Expenses in excess of receipts		$25 11
		$63 44
Bal. in hand of Treasurer	$31 54	
Amt. in hand of Henkel & Co.	20 83	
Total amount due Synod		$52 37

J. N. STIREWALT, TREASURER.

MINISTERS.	Entered Ministry.	Congregations	Communicants.	Souls.	Adult Baptisms.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Letters.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Removals.	Synodical.	Beneficiary Education.	Current Expenses.	Other Objects.
Rev. P. C. Henkel	1843	4	780	1800	...	97	2	...	48	...	2	6	...	...	$ 1.30	$12.75	$ 250.00	...
" J. R. Peterson	1843	4	178	368	1	8	5	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	4.00	20.00	250.00	...
" T. Moser	1844	3	120	260	1	10	5	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" S. Henkel	1850	2	254	512	8	14	18	...	24	..	1	7	50	...	4.00	16.04	...	...
" C. H. Bernheim	1855	2	254	506	1	13	25	1	8	...	...	...	...	1	2.20	11.09	270.00	$ 9.60
" J. M. Smith	1856	2	200	...	...	48	33	...	23	...	1	...	...	...	1.50	4.00	150.00	100.00
" I. Conder	1861	4	127	185	2	6	4	...	2	...	2	...	45	...	1.00	...	250.00	...
" J. N. Stirewalt	1871	5	429	729	5	27	22	...	12	...	5	32	235	...	3.90	3.03	...	75.00
" M. L. Fox	1871	3	120	300	1	6	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	1.20	4.25	100.00	...
" A. L. Crouse	1871	1	91	153	6	8	20	4	6	...	1	15	95	...	.30	20.00	228.00	35.00
" J. P. Stirewalt	1873	5	725	1125	19	60	70	4	30	...	2	10	100	...	7.30	25.24	500.00	...
" M. L. Little	1873	4	375	...	4	49	33	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	5.00	...	350.00	800.00
" J. I. Miller	1859	1	45	100	1	2	...	1	...	...	1	7	67	4	6.50	...	...	...
" J. C. Moser	1873	5	520	925	1	42	50	21	12	...	5	35	420	...	6.60	44.50	800.00	150.00
" J. W. Hausenfluck	1876	5	265	...	11	23	25	...	11	...	2	16	180	...	...	...	...	...
" J. K. Efird	1877	3	878	1600	3	54	58	3	22	...	3	18	275	...	2.60	10.00	375.00	...
" J. A. Cromer	1877	5	365	700	..	35	28	1	3	...	5	26	205	1	3.00	31.55	300.00	...
" E. L. Lybrand	1877	3	375	675	2	32	63	9	15	...	3	20	150	...	3.20	15.00	250.00	350.00
" R. A. Yoder	1879	3	407	700	1	29	34	...	8	...	3	25	300	...	4.30	24.20	500.00	100.00
" J. S. Koiner*	1881	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" W. P. Cline	1881	4	395	686	...	34	48	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	2.80	13.00	...	800.00
" D. A. Goodman	1882	3	121	...	...	12	5	...	6	...	2	4	91	5	1.00	12.25	110.00	...
" D. J. Settlemyre	1883	5	291	500	...	21	11	4	4	1	3	10	100	.	...	30.00	...	...
" D. A. Sox	1883	1	64	120	3	22	9	2	1	...	1	4	71	...	1.00	2.10	150.00	100.00
" J. A. Rudisill	1883	6	840	1500	3	70	40	...	15	...	2	15	140	6	3.90	...	300.00	1000.00
" L. A. Bikle	1859	2	150	250	...	13	13	...	...	...	1	8	45	...	...	20.00	200.00	...
" R. H. Cline†	1885	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" H. Wetzel‡	1841	...	40	...	...	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Eight Vacant Churches;—about 650 communicants—4 in Virginia served by Revs. S. Henkel and J. P. Stirewalt.

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" R. A. Yoder ..... Newton, N. C.
" Prof. J. S. Koiner ..... Conover, N. C.
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" Prof. W. P. Cline ..... Fair Grove, N. C.
" D. A. Sox ..... Edwardsville, Ala.
" D. J. Suttlemeyer ..... China Grove, N. C.
" J. A. Rudisill ..... Jug Town, N. C.
" R. H. Cline ..... Moretz Mills, N. C.

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W. L. Darr ..... " "
N. G. Deal ..... " "
D. M. Moser ..... " "
D. I. Offman ..... New Market, Va.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE

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RICHLAND COUNTY.—St. Andrew.

NORTH CAROLINA.

ALAMANCE COUNTY.—Mt. Pleasant.

ALEXANDER COUNTY.—Friendship, Salem.

BURKE COUNTY.—Luther, Lutheran Chapel.

CALDWELL COUNTY.—Philadelphia, Mt. Zion, Lutz.

CABARRUS COUNTY.—St. Martin, Lutheran Union.

CATAWBA COUNTY.—St. James, Grace, Concordia, St. John, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Stephen, Zion, Holy Trinity, Newton, Sardis, Bethel.

CLEVELAND COUNTY.—St. Matthew.

DAVIDSON COUNTY.—Pilgrim, Beck, Emmanuel, New Jerusalem.

GASTON COUNTY.—St. Mark, Philadelphia, Lutheran Chapel, St. John, Antioch, Christ, College Chapel, Mt. Holly.

GUILFORD COUNTY.—Coble.

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RANDOLPH COUNTY.—Melanchthon.

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STANLEY COUNTY.—St. Martin.

UNION COUNTY.—Emmanuel.

WATAUGA COUNTY.—Valle Crusis, Mt. Pleasant.

VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA COUNTY.—Bethlehem, St. Paul.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Bethany, (St. Jacob), McGaheysville, Trinity, St. Peter, Rader, St. John.

PAGE COUNTY.—St. Paul, St. William, Fairview, Grace, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, St. Mark, Cedar Point.

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MADISON COUNTY.—Mt. Nebo.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Saturday, 10, A. M., Oct. 31—Rev. C. H. Bernheim, 1 Cor. 16, 13.

Saturday night, Oct. 31, at St. Thomas Church—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Ps. 103, 9-12.

Sunday, 10, A. M., Nov. 1—Rev. J. C. Moser, (Church), John 8, 31, 32.

Sunday, at St. Thomas Church—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Matt. 25, 1-13.

Sunday, 10, A. M., Nov. 1—Student P. C. Wike, (Grove), Ps. 17, 4.

Sunday, 7, P. M., Nov. 1—St. Stephen's, Lexington, Rev. R. A. Yoder, Luke 15, 2.

Monday, 12, M., Nov. 2—Rev. M. L. Little, Rev. 3, 11.

Tuesday, 12, M., Nov. 3—Rev. R. A. Yoder, Jonah 1, 2.

Tuesday, 7, P. M., Nov. 3—Rev. J. M. Smith, 2 Tim. 2, 19.

Wednesday, 12, M., Nov. 4—Rev. J. M. Smith, Mark 16, 15, 16.

Thursday night, St. James Church, at Summit—Rev. A. L. Crouse, Num. 10, 29.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1.—Devotional exercises by the President.
2.—Call of Clerical Roll.
3.—Reception and Enrollment of Lay-Delegates.
4.—Reading of President's Report.
5.—Election of Officers.
6.—Reception of Advisory Members.
7.—Reception of Letters and Petitions.
8.—Appointment of Standing Committees.
9.—Devotion.

OTHER DAYS.

1.—Devotion.
2.—Calling of Roll.
3.—Reading and Correction of Minutes.
4.—Unfinished Business.
5.—Reports of Standing Committees.
6.—Reports of Special Committees.
7.—Resolutions.
8.—New Business.
9.—Devotion.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That each of our pastors is required to teach his people the duty of Christian giving, and to take up in each of his congregations collections for beneficiary education, and to report at each regular convention of our Synod.

Resolved, That the Council of each congregation be requested to send, to each Annual Meeting of the Synod, a written Report of the condition of the congregation.

WHEREAS, The ancient Lutheran custom of thoroughly catechising those who propose to become members of our communion, previous to their confirmation, is, in some places, falling into disuse, and rather a loose custom of receiving uncatechised persons into the Church, without the slightest examination of them in regard to their religious knowledge and other qualifications for church membership, has been practiced by some; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our Ministers and congregations in future to see to it, that, if it can possibly be done, all who make application for church membership be thoroughly instructed, by Catechisation in the doctrines and usages of our Church, previous to their confirmation. But, in such extraordinary cases, as when persons of age and experience make application, or such young persons as have been so favorably situated as to have had opportunities to become acquainted with and to have informed themselves of our doctrines and customs, seek church privileges, we recommend that their request be granted; but, in no case, until such persons have been examined by the pastor, before the council, and have been approved by them.

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